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EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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Sittings from 15 to 19 December 1975

Europe House — Strasbourg

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF MONDAY 15 DECEMBER 1975

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 4.40 p.m.

Resumption of session

The President declared resumed the session of the European Parliament adjourned on 14 November 1975.

Forwarding of the draft general budget for 1976 modified by the Council

The President announced that he had received the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 as modified by the Council on 3 December 1975 (Doc. 428/75).

Pursuant to Rule 23 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, this document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received the following documents:

(a) from the Council of the European Communities, requests for an Opinion on:

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC and Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes and vegetable seed (Doc. 384/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport (Doc. 386/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport

as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on tax exemptions for certain means of transport temporarily imported into one Member State from another (Doc. 387/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on tax exemptions applicable to personal property of individuals on permanent importation from another Member State (Doc. 388/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning the application of Article 40 (4) of the EEC Treaty to the French overseas departments (Doc. 389/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC, Euratom, ECSC) No 259/68 laying down the Staff Regulations of officials and the conditions of employment of other servants of the European Communities (Doc. 391/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia
- II. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco

(Doc. 398/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a regulation amending Regulation No 121/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for pig carcasses
- II. a regulation amending Regulation No 122/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and sluice-gate price for eggs
- III. a regulation amending Regulation No 123/67/EEC in respect of the calculation of the levy and the sluice-gate price for poultrymeat

(Doc. 401/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending Directive 69/74/EEC on the customs warehousing procedure, Directive 69/75/EEC on free zones and Directive 71/235/EEC on the usual forms of handling which may be carried out in customs warehouses and in free zones (Doc. 409/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion;

- the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the rice sector (Doc. 410/75).

This document had been referred to the Legal Affairs Committee;

- the amended proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of Member States' legislation concerning mayonnaise, sauces derived from mayonnaise and other emulsified condiment sauces (Doc. 411/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Public Health and the Environment as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its Opinion; -

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulations No 120/67/EEC, (EEC) No 950/68 and (EEC) No 1052/68 on the tariff nomenclature of

certain cereal and sugar products (Doc. 412/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 in respect of the fat content of full-cream milk (Doc. 413/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture;

- the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section III 'Commission' of the general budget for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 414/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and with respect to the subheadings of the Common Customs Tariff (Doc. 416/75).

This document had been referred to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (Doc. 417/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to measuring systems for liquids other than water (Doc. 421/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs as the committee responsible and to the Legal Affairs Committee for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (Doc. 430/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its Opinion;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on a programme for restructuring the non-industrial inshore fishing industry (Doc. 438/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport for their Opinions;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme (Doc. 439/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Development and Cooperation;

- the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom (Doc. 447/75).

This document had been referred to the Associations Committee as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Committee on Agriculture for their Opinions;

- (b) from the Commission of the European Communities:

- the operating accounts and financial statements relating to the budget operations for

financial year 1974 (volumes I, II, II A and III B), and

the report of the Audit Board on the accounts for the financial year 1974 followed by the answer from the institutions (first and second volumes)

(Doc. 383/75 I-III).

- an *aide-mémoire* on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1976 (Doc. 400/75).

This document had been referred to the Committee on Budgets as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology for their Opinions;

(c) from the committees, the following reports:

- report by Mr Pintat, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy (Doc. 385/75);
- report by Mr Rivierez, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the primacy of Community law and the protection of fundamental rights (Doc. 390/75).
- report by Mrs Walz, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the conditions for a Community policy on the siting of nuclear power stations taking account of the acceptability of the effects on the population (Doc. 392/75);
- report by Mr Bayerl, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 229/75) for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action concerning deferred payment of duties at importation or exportation (Doc. 393/75);
- report by Mr Schwörer, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 293/75) for a Directive amending the Council Directive of 24 July 1973 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions concerning the taking up and pursuit of activities in direct insurance other than life assurance (Doc. 394/75);
- report by Mr Klepsch, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council

(Doc. 318/75) for a Regulation suspending application of the condition governing the import into the Community of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with the Agreements in force between the European Community on the one hand and each of these countries on the other (Doc. 395/75);

- report by Mr Vetrone, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 379/75) for:

I. a Regulation extending the term of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 346/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia

II. a Regulation extending the term of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 347/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

(Doc. 396/75);

- report by Mr Seefeld, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport, on safety glass for use in motor vehicles (Doc. 397/75);

- report by Mr Noè, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 93/75) for:

I. a Directive on biological standards for lead and on the screening of the population for lead

II. a Directive on air quality standards for lead

(Doc. 399/75);

- report by Mr Flämig, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 222/75) for a pluri-annual programme of the Community for the years 1976 to 1980 in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics (Doc. 402/75);

- report by Mr Burgbacher, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the possibilities and limits of a Community policy to promote the liquefaction of coal for the purpose of manufacturing synthetic fuels (Doc. 407/75);

- report by Lady Fisher, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 220/75) for:
 - I. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject: 'Research on the physico-chemical behaviour of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere' (Project 61a)
 - II. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject: 'Analysis of organic micro-pollutants in water' (Project 64b)(Doc. 408/75);
- report by Lord Bethell, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 225/75) for a Directive on the quality of water for human consumption (Doc. 418/75);
- report by Mr Ellis, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 226/75) for a Regulation regarding a Community procedure for information and consultation on the prices of crude oil and petroleum products in the Community (Doc. 419/75);
- report by Mr Duval, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 196/75) for a Directive on the approximation of Member States' laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to the classification, labelling and packaging of paints, varnishes, adhesives and similar products (Doc. 420/75);
- report by Mr Patijn, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel signed on 11 May 1975 (Doc. 422/75);
- report by Mr Kaspereit, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 398/75) for:
 - I. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia
 - II. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco(Doc. 423/75);
- report by Mr Mitterdorfer, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 321/75) for a Regulation on Community transit (Doc. 426/75);
- report by Mr Notenboom, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 230/75) for a Regulation setting up a financial mechanism (Doc. 427/75);
- report by Mr Lücker, on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee, on the retention of Santiago (Chile) as the seat of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Latin America (Doc. 429/75);
- report by Mr Guldberg, on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the effects of increased energy prices on Member States' productivity and competitiveness (Doc. 431/75);
- report by Mr Gibbons, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 274/75) for a Regulation on the transitional common organization of the market in sheepmeat (Doc. 432/75);
- report by Mr Bourdellès, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 384/75) for a Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC and Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes and vegetable seed (Doc. 433/75);
- report by Mr Brégère, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 389/75) for a Regulation concerning the application of Article 40 (4) of the EEC Treaty to the French overseas departments (Doc. 434/75);

- report by Sir Derek Walker-Smith, on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 320/75) on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector (Doc. 435/75);
 - report by Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 335/75) for a Regulation on the allocation for 1975 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deferring certain final dates for the years 1975 and 1976 (Doc. 436/75);
 - report by Mr Bangemann, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the *aide-mémoire* of the Commission of the European Communities on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1976 (Doc. 400/75) — (Doc. 437/75);
 - report by Mr Seefeld, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 386/75) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport (Doc. 440/75);
 - supplementary report by Mr Cointat, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976, modified by the Council on 3 December 1975 (Doc. 428/75) — (Doc. 441/75);
 - report by Mr Deschamps, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 439/75) for a Regulation laying down general rules for the supply of milk fats as food aid to certain developing countries and international organizations under the 1976 programme (Doc. 442/75);
 - report by Mr Zeller, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 417/75) for a Regulation renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (Doc. 443/75);
 - report by Mr Zeller, on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 430/75) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (Doc. 444/75);
 - report by Lord Bruce, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 329/75) for a Regulation amending the Financial Regulation as regards transfers between the 'food aid' chapter and the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, 'Guarantee' Section (Doc. 445/75);
 - report by Mr Kavanagh, on behalf of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, on the third report on the activities of the new European Social Fund for the financial year 1974 (Doc. 446/75);
- (d) the following oral questions:
- oral question with debate by Mr Cointat and Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Council of the European Communities, on Community personal documents (Doc. 403/75);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Terrenoire, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Commission of the European Communities, on the difficulties facing the textile industry and measures to be taken to remedy them (Doc. 404/75);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Terrenoire, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, to the Council of the European Communities, on the difficulties facing the textile industry and measures to be taken to remedy them (Doc. 405/75);
 - oral question without debate by Mr Hougardy to the Council of the European Communities on abandonment of the Dragon high temperature reactor project (Doc. 406/75);
 - oral question with debate by Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Corrie, on behalf of the

European Conservative Group, to the Commission of the European Communities, on the fishing industry (Doc. 424/75);

- oral questions by Mr Terrenoire, Lord St. Oswald, Mr Cousté, Mr Dondelinger, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Osborn, Mr Mursch, Mr Seefeld, Mr Espersen, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Hamilton, Lord Gladwyn, Mr Lagorce, Mr Gibbons, Mr Dykes, Sir Geoffrey de Freitas, Mr Glinne, Mr Dalyell, Mr Cointat, Mr Spicer, Mr Corrie, Mr Bangemann, Mr Noè, Mr Rivierez, Mr Thornley, Mr Hansen, Mr Laban, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Hougardy, Mr Ellis, Mr Herbert, Lord Bethell and Mr Hughes, to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, pursuant to Rule 47A of the Rules of Procedure, for Question Time on 17 December 1975 (Doc. 425/75);

- (e) from the EEC-Greece Joint Parliamentary Committee, the recommendations adopted in Rome on 9 December 1975 (Doc. 448/75).

This document had been referred for information to the Associations Committee, the Political Affairs Committee and the Committee on Agriculture.

Authorization of reports

The President informed Parliament that, pursuant to Rule 38 of the Rules of Procedure, he had authorized the Committee on Budgets to draw up a report on the problems connected with the control of Community expenditure and the Community's budgetary policy.

Texts of Treaties forwarded by the Council

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities certified true copies of the following documents:

- Agreements in the form of an exchange of letters relating to Article 9 of Protocol 1 to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel and concerning the importation into the Community of tomato concentrates and of fruit salads originating in Israel;
- notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on trade in textile products;

- Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in textile products;

- notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of India on trade in textile products;

- notice of the completion by the Community of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka;

- minutes of the notification of the completion of the procedures necessary for the entry into force of the Commercial Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Sri Lanka.

Adoption of amending and supplementary budget No. 3 for 1975

As the Council had not modified the amendment adopted by Parliament and the budgetary procedure laid down by the Treaties had thus been completed, the President had declared on 3 December 1975 that the amending and supplementary budget No 3 of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 had thus been finally adopted.

He announced that the final version of this budget would be published in the 'L' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Presentation of a petition

The President announced that he had received a petition presented by Mrs Marie-Jeanne Bleuzet-Julbin, on behalf of the Comité-Lorrain France-Israel, and seven other signatories on the resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on Zionism. This petition had been entered under No 12/75 in the register provided for in Rule 48 (2) of the Rules of Procedure and, pursuant to paragraph 3 of that rule, referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Petitions.

Limitation of speaking time

On a proposal from the President, Parliament to limit speaking time on all reports on the agenda to:

- 15 minutes for the rapporteur and for one speaker on behalf of each group,

- 10 minutes for other speakers, and
- 5 minutes for speakers on amendments.

Speaking time on oral questions with debate was limited to:

- 10 minutes for the author of the question, and
- 5 minutes for other speakers.

Decision on urgency

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to deal by urgent procedure with reports not submitted within the time limit laid down in the ruling of 11 May 1967.

Order of business

On a proposal from the President, and after the following had spoken: Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Lange, Mr Klepsch, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Lücker and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, Parliament adopted the following agenda for the present part-session:

That afternoon:

- statement by the Commission on action taken on the Opinions of Parliament;
- Gladwyn report on defence questions;
- Kofoed report on production subsidies in respect of cereals in the United Kingdom;
- De Koning report on the common organization of the markets in cereals and rice;
- Deschamps report on the supply of milk fats as food aid (without debate);
- Zeller report on imports of beef and veal originating in the ACP countries (without debate);
- Zeller report on agricultural products and certain goods originating in the ACP countries (without debate);
- Liogier report on EAGGF appropriations for 1975.

Tuesday, 16 December 1975

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

The supplementary report by Mr Aigner on amending and supplementary budget No 3 had been withdrawn from the agenda.

- presentation and discussion of the supplementary Cointat report on the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1976;
- Notenboom report on the setting up of a financial mechanism.

Wednesday, 17 December 1975

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- joint debate on:
 - the statements on the outcome of the Rome summit,
 - the oral question with debate on Community personal documents and
 - the motion for a resolution on the Rome summit;
- joint debate on:
 - the oral question with debate to the Council on difficulties in the textile industry, and
 - the oral question with debate to the Commission on the same subject;
- oral question without debate on the Dragon reactor;
- statement on the activities of oil companies in the Community;
- Lücker report on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the Commission's delegation.

Thursday, 18 December 1975

10 a.m., 3 p.m. and possibly in the evening:

- vote on the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1976 and on the motion for a resolution contained in the supplementary report by Mr Cointat;
- Bangemann report on the ECSC levies;
- Patijn report on the EEC-Israel Agreement;
- Pintat report on the Community's Mediterranean policy;
- Mitterdorfer report on the elimination of technical trade barriers;
- Mitterdorfer report on Community transit;
- Mitterdorfer report on Community transit;
- Flämig report on thermonuclear fusion;
- statement by Mr Lardinois on the prices of agricultural products;

- Gibbons report on the organization of the market in sheepmeat;
- The Martens report on the fat content of milk had been withdrawn from the agenda.
- Bourdellès report on seed potatoes and vegetable seed;
 - Brégégère report on the French overseas departments;
 - oral question with debate on the fishing industry;
 - report on Cyprus sherry;
 - Kaspereit report on dried figs and dried grapes originating in Spain;
 - Klepsch report on fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, etc.;
 - Seefeld report on recording equipment in road transport;
 - Walker-Smith report on consolidated texts for the fishing sector (without debate);
 - Lady Fisher report on a European project on nuisances (without debate);
 - Kaspereit report on trade with Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Vetrone report on the importation of fishery products from Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Bayerl report on the payment of duties at importation or at exportation (without debate).

Friday, 19 December 1975

Possibly, continuation of Thursday's agenda.

Tabling of two motions for resolutions and decision on urgency

The President announced that he had received a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Amendola and Mr Ansart on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the situation in Spain (Doc. 415/75) and a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, also with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the same subject (Doc. 449/75).

The following spoke: Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Fabbrini on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Fellermaier on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Jakobsen on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Kaspereit on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Fabbrini.

The President established that the two requests for debate by urgent procedure had been withdrawn and that the two motions for resolutions had been referred to the Political Affairs Committee.

Mr Fellermaier spoke on a question of procedure.

Procedure for the budget debate — Time limit for tabling amendments, proposals for rejection of the budget as a whole and proposals for an increase in the maximum rate

The President reminded members that the final phase in the adoption process of the general budget of the Communities for 1976 would begin during the present part-session, and that Parliament had the right on this occasion to amend the Council's modifications to the amendments concerning non-compulsory expenditure adopted in November.

Such amendments would be considered during the debate on the supplementary report by Mr Cointat (Doc. 441/75) to be held on Tuesday, 16 December 1975.

The President reminded Parliament that the vote on the draft general budget, the amendments to the Council's modifications, any proposals for rejection of the budget as a whole and proposals for an increase in the maximum rate, as well as the motion for a resolution contained in Mr Cointat's supplementary report would be held on Thursday, 18 December 1975.

Finally, the President recalled in detail the provisions applicable to the vote.

He announced that the time limit for tabling amendments to the Council's modifications contained in Document 428/75, any proposals for rejection of the budget as a whole and proposals for an increase in the maximum rate had been set for 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 December 1975.

Action taken by the Commission on the Opinions of Parliament

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, informed Parliament of the action

taken by the Commission on the Opinions delivered by Parliament during its last sittings.

A European foreign policy and defence questions

Lord Gladwyn introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee, on the effects of a European foreign policy on defence questions (Doc. 429/74).

Sir Geoffrey de Freitas spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group and Mr Krall on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr J. SANTER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Kaspereit on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Jakobsen on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Fabbrini on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Giraud, Mr Guldberg, Mr Blumenfeld, Mrs Kruchow, Mr Broeksz, Mr Espersen, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Dalyell and Mr Scarascia Mugnozza.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the first indent of the preamble was adopted.

On the second indent of the preamble, Mr Klepsch had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, amendment No 1.

Lord Gladwyn, *Rapporteur*, spoke.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the second indent of the preamble, accordingly modified.

Parliament then adopted the third, fourth and fifth indents of the preamble.

On the sixth indent, Mr Klepsch had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, amendment No 2, which he now moved.

Lord Gladwyn spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted.

Parliament adopted the sixth indent, accordingly modified.

Parliament then adopted the seventh indent of the preamble.

Mr Klepsch had tabled on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, amendment No 3, proposing the insertion of a new indent; he now moved this amendment.

Lord Gladwyn spoke.

Amendment No 3 was adopted.

On paragraph 1, Mr Kaspereit had tabled on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, amendment No 4 which Mr Laudrin moved.

Lord Gladwyn spoke.

Mr Klepsch and Mr Laudrin spoke.

Amendment No 4 was adopted.

Paragraph 1, accordingly modified, was adopted.

Paragraph 2 was adopted.

Mr Cifarelli gave an explanation of vote.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the effects of a European foreign policy on defence questions

The European Parliament,

— recalling:

- (a) its resolution of 6 April 1973 ⁽¹⁾ in which it expressed its view 'that cooperation in the foreign policy sphere must eventually take into account defence and security policy',
- (b) its report on the sixth general report of the Commission of the European Communities in which it expressed its view: 'that a veritable "European union" (as foreseen in paragraph 16 of the Paris decla-

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 26, 30. 4. 1973, p. 25.

ration) which should achieve the transformation into a European identity of all relations between its Member States cannot be restricted solely to the economic and social fields but must include measures of political cooperation and cannot leave out of account measures of defence cooperation',

- (c) the statement in the European identity paper agreed at the Copenhagen summit meeting of 14 December 1973 that: 'the Nine, one of whose essential aims is to maintain peace, will never succeed in doing so if they neglect their own security',
 - (d) the declaration on Atlantic relations approved by the North Atlantic Council at Ottawa on 19 June 1974 which stated: 'the further progress towards unity which the Member States of the European Community are determined to make should, in due course, have a beneficial effect on the contribution to the common defence of the Alliance of those of them who belong to it',
- observing nevertheless that while some welcome progress has been made in harmonizing the foreign policies of all the Members of the enlarged Community, there has been no corresponding progress towards the harmonization of the defence policies of the Nine,
 - stressing the need to avoid a strategic imbalance capable of prejudicing both European security and the prospect of a genuine East-West *détente*,
 - drawing attention to the consequent need for members of the Community to strengthen the North Atlantic Alliance by developing their own specifically European effort,
 - believing, especially in view of the human and social aspects of defence problems, in the need to make the optimum use of the manpower resources available for defence purposes,
 - convinced, therefore, of the evident and urgent need to achieve the most effective form of defence by rationalizing both the production of armaments, and logistics and infrastructure in the Community, so as to offset the very high rise in defence costs which is due largely to technical evolution, and also of the need to demonstrate that Community members are making an appropriate contribution to the common defence,
 - persuaded that, if such action resulted, as it might well, in the better deployment of available resources in Western Europe it could have no unfavourable effect on current or future East-West negotiations,
 - welcoming and supporting the new efforts of the European States to take appropriate measures in the field of armaments cooperation,
1. Urges those Governments of the Nine which may wish to take part in such a programme:
 - (a) to initiate immediately, as part of the existing procedure for harmonizing the foreign policy of Member States, a technical study of the best means of achieving the objectives set out above;
 - (b) to set up an agency ultimately aimed at the joint manufacture of weapons to meet the requirements of the Member States;
 - (c) to draw up and adopt as soon as possible a general plan embodying the above proposals;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States of the Community.

Regulation on production subsidies in respect of cereals in the United Kingdom

Mr Kofoed introduced his report drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 227/75) for a Regulation on the production subsidies which the United Kingdom is authorized to retain in respect of cereals (Doc. 302/75).

The following spoke: Mr Frehsee, who moved Amendment No 1 on behalf of Mr Hughes and spoke on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr De Koning on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Kofoed, *Rapporteur*, and Mr Cipolla.

Parliament considered next the motion for a resolution; the preamble was adopted.

On paragraph 1, Mr Hughes had tabled amendment No 1.

Amendment No 1 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 1.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the production subsidies which the United Kingdom is authorized to retain in respect of cereals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal, from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 227/75).
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 302/75),

Notes that the proposal of the Commission is no longer justified in view of the international price levels of cereals, and in consequence rejects the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 210, 12. 9. 1975, p. 4.

Regulations on the common organization of the markets in cereals and rice

Mr De Koning introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 192/75) for:

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

Doc. (303/75).

The following spoke: Mr Frehsee on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mr Fellermaier, who asked for the debate to be adjourned.

Mr Aigner, Mr Klepsch and Mr Zeller spoke on Mr Fellermaier's proposal.

Parliament decided to adjourn the debate.

Regulation on the supply of milk fats as food aid

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Deschamps on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 439/75) for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1976 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies (Doc. 442/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation establishing general rules concerning the supply of milk fats as food aid under the 1976 programme to certain developing countries and international agencies

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 586 Fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 439/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 442/75),
1. Approves the proposal that butter or butteroil equivalent to an amount of 45 000 metric tons of butteroil shall be made available to developing countries and international organizations as food aid under the 1976 programme;
 2. Requests the Commission and Council to take appropriate steps to make a greater quantity available;
 3. Reiterates the importance of the proposals made by the Commission (Doc. 430/74) in particular with regard to quantitative proposals for the period 1974 to 1977;
 4. Requests the Council, therefore, formally to adopt this proposal as soon as possible and, if possible, before the end of this year.

Regulation on the importation of beef and veal originating in the ACP countries

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Zeller on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 417/75) for a Regulation renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges for beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (Doc. 443/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation renewing the arrangements for the reduction of import charges on beef and veal products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 589 Fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 417/75),
 - having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and to the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 443/75),
1. Approves the proposal for a regulation, which extends for six months until 30 June 1976, the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75;

2. Recalls that, should the Community market in beef and veal be disrupted by the importation of products covered by this proposal, any Member State may invoke, either the safeguard clause of the basic Regulation on the common organization of the market in beef and veal, or the safeguard clause set out in Article 10 of the Convention of Lomé, which also covers the products in question.

Regulation on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods originating in the ACP countries

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Zeller on behalf of the Committee on Development and Cooperation, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 430/75) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories (Doc. 444/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council, for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1599/75 of 24 June 1975 on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal for a Regulation from the Commission to the Council (COM(75) 618 fin),
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 430/75),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Development and Cooperation (Doc. 444/75),

Approves the proposal in that:

- (a) It conforms to the commitments entered into under the Convention signed at Lomé on 28 February 1975 and will stimulate the growth of exports of plants originating in the ACP States and falling within heading Nos 06.03 and 06.04 of the Common Customs Tariff;
- (b) In the event of the risk of disturbances to the Community market, any Member State may have recourse to the safeguard clauses provided for in Regulation (EEC) No 234/68 on the common organization of the market in live trees and other plants and in Article 10 of the Convention of Lomé, in respect of the products referred to in this Regulation.

Regulation on the allocation for 1975 of AEGGF appropriations

Mr Liogier introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 335/75) for a Regulation on the allocation for 1975 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deferring certain final dates for the years 1975 and 1976 (Doc. 436/75).

Mr Scarascia Mugnozza, *Vice-President of the Commission*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on the allocation for 1975 of appropriations from the Guidance Section of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and deferring certain final dates for the years 1975 and 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 335/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 436/75),

1. Approves in principle the Commission's proposal;
2. Recalls its fundamental hostility to all transfers of appropriations from the Guidance Section to the Guarantee Section and recalls especially the rejection of the proposal for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 464/75 of 27 February 1975 establishing a system of premiums for producers of bovine animals;
3. Therefore opposes the allocation of 62.5 million units of account to the Guarantee Section for the purpose of granting premiums to producers of bovine animals and calls upon the Commission to amend its proposal accordingly.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 265, 19. 11. 1975, p. 5.

Time limit for entering names on the list of speakers for the budget debate

On a proposal from the President, Parliament decided to set this time limit for 10 a.m. the following day, 16 December 1975.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Tuesday, 16 December 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- presentation and discussion of the supplementary Cointat report on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1976;
- Notenboom report on the setting up of a financial mechanism.

The sitting was closed at 8.40 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF TUESDAY, 16 DECEMBER 1975

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Welcome to an Israeli Delegation

On behalf of the European Parliament the President welcomed a delegation from the Knesset led by Mr Abba Eban, which was to hold talks with a delegation from the European Parliament, the political groups and the relevant parliamentary committees.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities a request for an Opinion on the proposal for the transfer of appropriations between chapters in Section II 'Council', Annex I 'Economic and Social Committee', and Annex III 'Auditor of the ECSC', of the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1975 (Doc. 450/75).

General budget of the Communities for 1976

Mr Aigner spoke on a point of order.

Mr Cointat introduced his supplementary report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976 as modified by the Council on 3 December 1975 (Doc. 428/75) — (Doc. 441/75).

Mr Fabbri, *President-in-Office of the Council*, explained the Council's attitude on the amendments and proposed modifications to the draft

general budget for 1976 adopted in November 1975 by Parliament and made a statement in reply to the questions put by Parliament in its resolution of 13 November 1975 on amending and supplementary budget No 3 for 1975.

The following spoke: Mr Lange on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Aigner on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Bangemann on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Lenihan on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats and Mr Jakobsen on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr BURGBACHER

Vice-President

The following spoke: Mr Fabbrini on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mr Osborn and Mr Dalyell.

The sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. and resumed at 3.05 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr GULDBERG

Vice-President

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate on the draft general budget of the Communities for 1976: Mr McDonald, Mr Springorum, Mr Cifarelli, Mr Normanton, Mr Laban, Lord Bruce, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Dalyell, Mr Normanton, Mr Osborn, Mr Laban, Mr Cheysson and Mr Cointat, *Rapporteur*.

IN THE CHAIR: SIR GEOFFREY de FREITAS

Vice-President

Mr Fabbri, *President-in-Office of the Council*, and Mr Dalyell spoke.

The President declared the debate on the budget closed. He reminded members that all the amendments were deemed to have been moved and debated and that the vote would be held on Thursday, 18 December 1975.

Regulation setting up a financial mechanism

Mr Notenboom introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14

of the Rules of Procedure, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 230/75) for a regulation setting up a financial mechanism (Doc. 427/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation setting up a financial mechanism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 230/75),
- having regard to the communication from the Commission of the European Communities (COM(75) 40) concerning 'the unacceptable situation and the correcting mechanism',
- having regard to the guidelines laid down at the conference of Heads of State or Government in Paris on 10 December 1974,
- having regard to the communiqué published following the conference of Heads of State or Government in Dublin on 10 and 11 March 1975,
- having regard to the preparation for and the result of the referendum held in the United Kingdom on 5 June 1975 on the continued membership of that country in the Communities,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and to the opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 427/75),

1. Finds that a decision in principle has already been taken at the European Council of 10 and 11 March 1975 on the proposal now laid before Parliament, a decision that was an important factor in the negotiations which preceded the British referendum of 5 June 1975;
2. Considers, therefore, that there was no point in consulting Parliament subsequently on this proposal for a Regulation;
3. Confines itself therefore to merely taking note of this proposal;
4. Affirms that it cannot accept that in future such decisions affecting certain fundamental financial provisions should be taken without Parliament's active participation;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Parliaments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 201, 3. 9. 1975, p. 2.

Change in agenda for the next day's sitting

At the request of Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, Parliament decided to consider the Lücker report (Doc. 429/75) the following day after the joint debate on the outcome of the Rome summit.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next day's sitting on Wednesday, 17 December 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time;
- joint debate on:
 - the outcome of the Rome summit,
 - oral question with debate on Community personal documents,
 - a motion for a resolution on the outcome of the Rome summit;
- Lückner report on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the Commission's delegation;
- joint debate on:
 - an oral question with debate to the Council on difficulties in the textile industry,
 - an oral question with debate to the Commission on the same subject;
- oral question without debate on the Dragon reactor;
- statement on the activities of oil companies in the Community.

The sitting was closed at 5.50 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF WEDNESDAY, 17 DECEMBER 1975

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 10.05 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received:

- (a) from the Commission of the European Communities a report, pursuant to Article 35 of the Financial Regulation of 25 April 1973, entitled 'general statement' of revenue and expenditure as at 30 September 1975 (Doc. 452/75), which had been referred to the Committee on Budgets;
- (b) from the Associations Committee a report drawn up by Mr Schuijt on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:
 - I. a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and with respect to the subheadings of the Common Customs Tariff (Doc. 416/75)
 - II. a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom (Doc. 447/75)

II. a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom (Doc. 447/75)

(Doc. 455/75).

Election of a Vice-President

The President announced that the Christian-Democratic Group had nominated Mr Lücker as Vice-President of the European Parliament to replace Mr Burgbacher who had resigned from this position. Since there was only one nomination for this seat, Parliament elected Mr Lücker Vice-President by acclamation pursuant to Rule 7 (1) of the Rules of Procedure.

The President stated that Mr Lücker would occupy the same place in the order of precedence of vice-presidents as his predecessor.

The President declared Mr Lücker Vice-President of the European Parliament and congratulated him on his election.

Question Time

Parliament considered next the following questions put to the Council and Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 425/75).

Questions to the Council of the European Communities

Question No 1 by Mr Terrenoire on the setting up of a European high-speed railway network had been withdrawn.

Question No 2 by Lord St. Oswald: Trading and political ties between EEC and ASEAN countries

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Lord St. Oswald and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

Question No 3 by Mr Cousté: Medium-term economic policy programme

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Cousté, Mr Normanton and Mr Cointat.

Question No 4 by Mr Dondelinger on the diplomatic isolation of the Chilean junta had been withdrawn.

Question No 5 by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams: Credit institutions

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and a supplementary question put by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

Question No 6 by Mr Osborn: Drivers' hours

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Osborn and Mr Seefeld.

Question No 7 by Mr Mursch : Uniform EEC transport policy, and**Question No 8 by Mr Seefeld: Basic principles for a common transport policy**

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-office of the Council*, answered these questions and supplementary questions put by Mr Artzinger, deputizing for Mr Mursch, Mr Seefeld, Mr Dalyell, Mr Barnett, Mr Noè, and Mr Osborn.

Question No 9 by Mr Espersen: Financial aid to Portugal

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Espersen, Mr Fellermaier, Mr Corona, Mr Normanton, Mr Lange and Mr Broeks.

The following spoke: Lord Bessborough on a point of order and Mr Battaglia.

Questions to the Commission of the European Communities**Question No 10 by Mr Fellermaier: Aid to Portugal**

Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and a supplementary question put by Mr Fellermaier.

Question No 11 by Mr Hamilton: Equal pay for men and women within the Community

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Hamilton, Mr Dykes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Cointat, Mrs Kruchow, Mr Yeats and Mr Laban.

Question No 12 by Lord Gladwyn: Aid for Namibia

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Lord Gladwyn and Sir Geoffrey de Freitas.

Question No 13 by Mr Lagorce: Use of alcohol as fuel

Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Lagorce, Mr Della Briotta, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Laban, Mr Frehsee and Mr Broeksz.

Question No 14 by Mr Gibbons: Cow slaughterings in the Community

Mr Thomson, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Lenihan, deputizing for Mr Gibbons, Mr Howell, Mr McDonald, Mr Cointat and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

Question No 15 by Mr Dykes: Unemployment

Mr Hillery, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dykes, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams and Mr Howell.

Question No 16 by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas: Kilometre tax

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Sir Geoffrey de Freitas and Mr Scholten.

Question No 17 by Mr Glinne on the scandalous destruction of 110 000 metric tons of fruit in France would be answered in writing since the author was absent.

Question No 18 by Mr Dalyell: System of spot checks in national administrations

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Dalyell and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

Question No 19 by Mr Cointat: The paper industry

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and a supplementary question put by Mr Cointat.

Question No 20 by Mr Spicer: Financial implications of the Europe + 30 project

Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*, answered this question and supplementary questions put by Mr Spicer and Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

The President declared Question Time closed.

He announced that those questions which it had not been possible to deal with and which had not been withdrawn by their authors before the end of Question Time would be answered in writing unless their authors wished to receive an oral answer during the next Question Time.

Lord Gladwyn spoke on a point of procedure.

Outcome of the Rome summit and assessment of the work of the Council during the Italian presidency — Oral question with debate: Community personal documents

The President announced that no motion for a resolution had been tabled by the Political Affairs Committee on the outcome of the Rome summit; consequently, the joint debate scheduled next on the agenda would concern only the statement by the President-in-Office of the Council and the oral question put by the Group of European Progressive Democrats.

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, made a statement on the outcome of the Rome summit and gave an assessment of the Council's work during the Italian presidency.

Mr Cointat spoke on the oral question with debate which, pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure, he and Mr de la Malène had put on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Council of the European Communities on Community personal documents (Doc. 403/75).

Mr Battaglia spoke in reply.

Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission* spoke.

The following spoke: Mr Espersen on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, and Mr Durieux on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group.

The sitting, which was suspended at 1.15 p.m., was resumed at 3.10 p.m.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

Tabling of a motion for a resolution

The President announced that he had received from Mr Cointat, Mr de la Malène, Mr Lenihan and Mr Nyborg, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, a motion for a resolution, pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure, on personal documents (Doc. 451/75).

Mr Scott-Hopkins spoke on a point of procedure.

Rome summit (*continued*)

The following spoke in the continuation of the joint debate on the outcome of the Rome summit: Mr Guldberg on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Cousté on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Scott-Hopkins on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Tabling of a motion for a resolution, decision on urgency and inclusion in the agenda

The President announced that he had received from Mr Spicer, on behalf of the European Conservative Group, a motion for a resolution on the Dragon project with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 454/75).

The following spoke: Mr Spicer, Mr Hougardy, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Broeks, Mr Klepsch, Mr Spicer and Mr Durieux.

Parliament decided to debate this motion for a resolution by urgent procedure. On a proposal from the President it also decided to consider it jointly with Mr Hougardy's oral question without debate on the same subject (Doc. 406/75).

Tabling of a motion for a resolution and reference to committee

The President announced that he had received from Mrs Kellett-Bowman a motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure on a Community youth orchestra (Doc. 453/75).

Parliament decided to refer this motion for a resolution to the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth.

Rome summit (*continued*)

Mr Bordu spoke on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group in the continuation of the joint debate.

IN THE CHAIR: Mr W. BEHRENDT

Vice-President

Mr Giraudo, *Chairman of the Political Affairs Committee*, spoke.

The following spoke on a point of procedure: Mr Broeks, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Broeks.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President Parliament decided to take Mr Hougardy's oral question (Doc. 406/75) and the motion for a resolution on the Dragon project (Doc. 454/75) after the joint debate on the Rome summit.

Rome summit (*continued*)

Mr Corona and Mr Blumenfeld spoke.

Limitation of speaking time

On a proposal from its President, Parliament decided to limit speaking time for the remainder of the joint debate on the Rome Summit to five minutes for each speaker.

Rome summit (*continued*)

The following spoke: Mr Hamilton, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Corrie, Mr Howell, Mr Laban, Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*, Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Berkhouwer spoke.

Oral question without debate: Dragon reactor — Motion for a resolution on the Dragon project

Mr Battaglia, *President-in-Office of the Council*, answered the oral question without debate put by Mr Hougardy to the Council of the European Communities on the abandonment of the Dragon high-temperature reactor project (Doc. 406/75).

Mr Hougardy spoke.

Mr Spicer spoke on the motion for a resolution on the Dragon project (Doc. 454/75) which he had tabled on behalf of the European Conservative Group with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure.

The following spoke: Mr Flämig on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Noè on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Dalyell, Mr Leonardi, Mr Brunner, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Hougardy.

Mr Dalyell spoke on a question of procedure.

The following spoke: Mr Battaglia, Mr Spicer, Mr Dalyell, Mr Battaglia, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Brunner.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
on the Dragon project

The European Parliament,

— having noted with concern the present intention to close down the Dragon project by 31 March 1976,

1. Requests the Commission to present urgently proposals to the Council, which will enable the continuation of the project until 30 September 1976 in order to allow for negotiations to take place with a view to ensuring the long-term future of the project;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President and in agreement with Mr Terrenoire, Parliament decided to postpone to the January 1976 part-session the debate on the oral questions on the difficulties facing the textile industry (Doc. 404/75 and Doc. 405/75).

Mrs Dunwoody spoke on a question of procedure.

Parliament decided to hear next the statement by Mr Borschette on the activities of oil companies.

Activities of oil companies in the Community

Mr Borschette, *Member of the Commission*, made a statement on the Commission's report concerning the activities of oil companies in the Community.

The following spoke: Mr Leenhardt, *Chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs*, Mr Cousté, Mr Hougardy, Mr Ellis, Mr Lange and Mr Borschette.

Parliament decided to refer the Commission's report to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

Mr Giraud, Mr Bordu and Mr Borschette spoke.

Order of business

Parliament decided to postpone to the following day's sitting the Lücker report on the retention of

Santiago de Chile as the seat of the delegation of the Commission (Doc. 429/75) and to postpone to the sitting on Friday the items on Thursday's agenda which could not be dealt with by 7.30 p.m.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Thursday, 18 December 1975:

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- vote on the draft general budget of the Communities for the financial year 1976 and on the motion for a resolution contained in the supplementary report by Mr Cointat;
- Bangemann report on the ECSC levies;
- Lücker report on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the Commission's delegation;
- Patijn report on the EEC-Israel Agreement;
- Pintat report on the Community's Mediterranean policy;
- Mitterdorfer report on the elimination of technical barriers to trade;
- Mitterdorfer report on Community transit;
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- Flämig report on thermonuclear fusion (without debate);
 - statement by Mr Lardinois on agricultural prices;
 - Gibbons report on the organization of the market in sheepmeat;
 - Bourdellès report on seed potatoes and vegetable seed;
 - Brégégère report on the French overseas departments;
 - oral question with debate on the fishing industry;
 - Schuijt report on Cyprus sherry;
 - Kaspereit report on dried figs and dried grapes originating in Spain;
 - Klepsch report on fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, etc.
 - Seefeld report on recording equipment in road transport;
 - Walker-Smith report on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector (without debate);
 - Lady Fisher report on a European project on nuisances (without debate);
 - Kaspereit report on trade with Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Vetrone report on the importation of fishery products from Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Bayerl report on the payment of duties at importation or at exportation (without debate).

The sitting was closed at 7.20 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Georges SPÉNALE
President

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER 1975

IN THE CHAIR: Mr G. SPÉNALE

President

The sitting was opened at 10.20 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Documents received

The President announced that he had received from the committees the following documents:

- report by Mr Martens, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 413/75) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 in respect of the fat content of full cream milk (Doc. 456/75).
- report by Mr Premoli, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 213/75) for a Directive on waste from the titanium dioxide industry (Doc. 457/75).

Texts of treaties forwarded by the Council

The President announced that he had received from the Council of the European Communities a certified true copy of the following Agreement in the form of a exchange of letters relating to Article 3 of Protocol 8 of the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Portuguese Republic.

General budget of the European Communities for 1976 (vote)

The next item on the agenda was the vote on the general budget of the European Communities for 1976.

As regards compulsory expenditure, the President pointed out that the Treaty laid down that the Council could accept, modify or reject modifications proposed by Parliament. This had now been done and the results were contained in Document 428/75.

Parliament had nothing to add to these proposed modifications on compulsory expenditure.

On the other hand, Parliament still had the right to amend modifications made by the Council to amendments in respect of non-compulsory expenditure adopted by Parliament in November. The Council's position on these amendments was also given in Document 428/75.

In this connection, the President reminded Parliament that the Council had accepted amendment Nos 82, 52, 41 and 61.

No new amendments had been tabled to the following amendments, which had been modified or had not been accepted by the Council: Nos 26, 19, 53, 68, 48, 56, 30, 59, 60 and 83.

The President also announced that the vote on the new amendments would be taken in the order of the budgetary nomenclature.

He reminded members that for adoption these amendments required a majority of the votes of the current Members of Parliament and three-fifths of the votes cast. He announced that the vote would be taken first on the individual sections of the budget, then on the budget as a whole, and finally on the motion for a resolution contained in the supplementary report by Mr Cointat (Doc. 441/75).

In the interests of budgetary equilibrium, the vote on 'Revenue' was postponed until the vote had been taken on all the sections.

The President pointed out that Section I 'Parliament' had already been adopted during the November part-session.

He now declared Section I to be finally adopted.

On Section II 'Council' Parliament had adopted amendment No 81, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 1 tabled by Miss Flesch, *Rapporteur*, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming Parliament's original position.

Mr Cointat moved the amendment on behalf of Miss Flesch.

Amendment No 1 was adopted by 117 votes to nil with no abstentions.

The President declared Section II, thus amended, to be finally adopted.

Parliament next considered Section III 'Commission'.

On the establishment plan, Parliament had adopted amendment No 64, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 2, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming Parliament's original position.

Mr Cointat, *Rapporteur*, spoke.

Amendment No 2 was adopted by 117 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On the establishment plan, Parliament had then adopted amendment No 65, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 3, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming Parliament's original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 3 was adopted by 117 votes to nil with no abstentions.

Again on the establishment plan, Parliament had adopted amendment No 51, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 4, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 4 was adopted by 118 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 1, Chapter 14, Parliament had adopted amendment No 66 for the insertion of a new Article 145, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 5, tabled by the Committee on Budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Mr Laban and Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 5 was adopted by 117 votes to seven with one abstention.

Amendment No 22 on Chapter 90, which had been tabled by Mr Laban and others on the assumption that amendment No 5 would be rejected, was withdrawn by Mr Laban.

On Title 3, Chapter 30, Article 305, Parliament had adopted amendment No 67, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 6, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 6 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 32, Article 322, Item 3220, Parliament had adopted amendment No 47/rev., which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 7, tabled by the Committee on Budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 7 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 32, Article 322, Item 3221, Parliament had adopted amendment No 44 which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 8, tabled by the Committee on Budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 8 was adopted by 121 votes to two with one abstention.

On Title 3, Chapter 32, Parliament had adopted amendment Nos 68 and 46, proposing the insertion of an Article 323. The Council had not accepted these amendments.

Parliament now considered amendment No 9, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, partially reaffirming its position as regards the old amendment No 46.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 9 was adopted by 124 votes to one with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 32, Parliament had adopted amendment No 6 for the insertion of a new Article 329, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 10, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

The following spoke: Mr Normanton, giving an explanation of the vote on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and Mr Cointat.

Amendment No 10 was adopted by 119 votes to nil with four abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 33, Article 330, Annex I, Title 3, Parliament had adopted amendment No 84, which the Council had modified.

Parliament now considered amendment No 11, tabled by the Committee on Budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 11 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 33, Article 330, Annex I, Title 8, Parliament had adopted amendment No 49 which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 12, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 12 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 35, Article 356, Parliament had adopted amendment No 55 which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 13, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 13 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 3, Chapter 39, Parliament had adopted amendment No 57 for the insertion of a new Article 393, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 14, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 14 was adopted by 122 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 4, Chapter 40, Parliament had adopted amendment No 58 for the insertion of a new Article 402, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 15, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Mr Laban gave an explanation of vote.

Amendment No 15 was adopted by 111 votes to nine with three abstentions.

On Title 4, Parliament had adopted amendment No 7 for the insertion of a new Chapter 48 and a new Article 945 under Title 9, Chapter 94, of the 'Revenue' section; the Council had not accepted this amendment.

Parliament now considered amendment No 16, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 16 was adopted by 123 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 5, Chapter 50, Parliament had adopted amendment No 9/rev., for the replacement of Article 500 by five new articles, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 17 tabled, by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 17 was adopted by 124 votes to nil with no abstentions.

Again on Title 5, Chapter 50, Parliament had adopted amendment Nos 62, 63, 69, 70 and 71, which the Council had not accepted.

Amendment No 23 tabled by Lord Bruce and others, had in the meantime been withdrawn.

Parliament now considered amendment No 18, tabled by the Committee on Budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 18 was adopted by 122 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 5, Chapter 51, Parliament had adopted amendment No 8/rev./II, for the replacement of Article 510 by two new articles; the Council had not accepted this amendment.

Parliament now considered amendment No 19, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 19 was adopted by 122 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 5, Chapter 51, Parliament had adopted amendment Nos 72 and 73, which the Council had not accepted.

Lord Bruce and others had tabled amendment No 24, which in the meantime had been withdrawn.

Parliament now considered amendment No 20 tabled by the Committee on budgets.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 20 was adopted by 124 votes to nil with no abstentions.

On Title 9, Chapter 93, Parliament had adopted amendment No 24, for the insertion of a new Article 938, which the Council had not accepted.

Parliament now considered amendment No 21, tabled by the Committee on Budgets, reaffirming its original position.

Mr Cointat spoke.

Amendment No 21 was adopted by 122 votes to nil with one abstention.

On Title 9, Chapter 98, Article 980, Parliament had adopted amendment No 74, which the Council had not accepted.

Lord Bruce and others had tabled amendment No 25, which in the meantime had been withdrawn.

The President declared Section III 'Commission' to be finally adopted with the amendments approved by Parliament on that day ⁽¹⁾.

Since Parliament, at the first reading, had not adopted any amendments to Section IV 'Court of Justice', the President declared this section to be finally adopted.

Parliament next considered 'Revenue'.

Taking account of the effects that the amendments approved in respect of expenditure would have, the President declared this part of the general budget to be finally adopted.

Lord Bruce and Mr Dykes gave explanations of vote.

Parliament adopted the entire draft general budget for 1976, in its amended form, by 121 votes to three with five abstentions.

Parliament next considered the motion for a resolution contained in the supplementary report by Mr Cointat (Doc. 441/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

⁽¹⁾ These amendments are annexed to the minutes of proceedings of this sitting.

RESOLUTION

on the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976, modified by the Council on 3 December 1975

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976,
- having regard to the draft general budget of the European Communities for 1976 (Doc. 306/75) and the letters of amendment of 17 September and 10 November 1975 (COM(75) 477 and Doc. 371/75),

- having regard to its deliberations of 11 and 13 November 1975 (Doc. 361/75),
- having regard to the meeting of its delegation with the Council on 3 December 1975,
- having regard to the outcome of the Council's deliberations on the amendments and proposed modifications adopted by Parliament (Doc. 428/75),
- having regard to its deliberations of 16 and 18 December 1975,
- having regard to the report of its Committee on Budgets (Doc. 441/75),

I. Evolution of the Community budget

1. Confirms the position expressed by it in its first resolution on the draft budget for 1976 (Doc. 361/75) relating to:
 - the adaptation of the Treaties to the increase in the European Parliament's budgetary powers;
 - the definitive introduction of the system of own resources;
 - the respect of certain fundamental principles in the budgetary sphere;
 - the need for inter-institutional cooperation;
2. Notes the intention of the budgetary authority to undertake, in the first quarter of 1976 and with the assistance of the Commission, a joint examination of various questions relating to the budgetary procedure, with particular reference to:
 - the use of supplementary budgets;
 - the extension of the concept of commitment appropriations;
 - the review of the budgetary nomenclature;
 - the practical arrangements for the budgetization of loans;

II. Inter-institutional cooperation

3. Notes the substantial progress made this year in the conduct of the inter-institutional budgetary dialogue and finds that two fundamental principles have thus been confirmed:
 - Parliament's sovereignty in respect of its margin of manoeuvre;
 - the need for the two institutions constituting the budgetary authority to make a joint examination of the budgetary options;
4. Considers that this cooperation should in future include a detailed study of each of the principal amendments and proposed modifications adopted by Parliament on the first reading;
5. Considers that a procedure for cooperation evolved in this way must enable a process of joint decision-making in the budgetary sector to be introduced in the near future;

III. The Council's position

A. Overall volume of expenditure

6. Notes that the Council without formally proposing a new rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure has signified its agreement to an overall increase of 90·7 million units of account in such expenditure over the figure shown in the draft budget;
7. Considers that the Council's deliberations were overshadowed by the prior fixing of this ceiling and that its budgetary examination of each of Parliament's amendments was accordingly devalued;

B. *Proposed modifications*

8. Deplores that the Council has this year again failed to adopt any of the proposed modifications submitted by Parliament and has in particular again refused any increase in the appropriations relating to food aid;

C. *Amendments*

9. Notes that of the total of 41 amendments adopted by Parliament, the Council has:

- accepted four without modification;
- modified six;
- rejected 31;

10. Points out that the main increases in appropriations which were not rejected by the Council related to the research sector (35 million units of account), the social fund (35 million units of account) and aid to the non-associated developing countries (20 million units of account);

IV. The Parliament's decisions

A. *Amendments*

11. Decides, as indicated in the attached table, to definitively adopt amendments to a total amount of + 102 900 301 units of account which will then be added to the appropriations entered in the draft budget;

B. *New rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure*

12. Signifies its agreement to a new rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure corresponding to the overall increase of this expenditure by comparison with expenditure of the same kind in the previous financial year.

Mr Fabbri, *President-in-Office of the Council*, spoke.

ECSC levies and operational budget for 1976

Mr Bangemann introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Budgets, on the *aide-mémoire* from the Commission of the European Communities on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1976 (Doc. 400/75) — (Doc. 437/75).

The following spoke: Mr Springorum on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Hunault, on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Osborn on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Statement on the general budget for 1976

Mr Fabbri, *President-in-Office of the Council*, made a statement on the Council's position as regards the vote on the budget which Parliament had just taken and announced that the Council accepted the rate of increase of non-compulsory expenditure.

The President noted the agreement between the two institutions.

ECSC levies (*continued*)

The following spoke in the continuation of the debate on the Bangemann report: Mr Lange on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Aigner, Mr Bangemann, *Rapporteur*, and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

At Mr Fellermaier's request, Parliament decided to close the debate.

Considering next the motion for a resolution, Parliament first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 to 5.

On paragraph 6, Mr Springorum had tabled amendment No 1, which he now moved.

Mr Cheysson spoke.

Mr Springorum withdrew amendment No 1.

Parliament adopted paragraph 6.

On paragraph 7 Mr Springorum had tabled amendment No 2, which he now moved, adding the word

'provisionally' after 'to allow' ('... so as to allow provisionally for a delay of three months...').

Parliament accepted the addition proposed orally by Mr Springorum.

Mr Bangemann spoke.

Amendment No 2 was rejected.

Parliament adopted paragraph 7.

Parliament adopted paragraphs 8 and 9.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the fixing of the ECSC levies and on the drawing up of the operational budget for 1976

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the *aide-mémoire* from the Commission of the European Communities (Doc. 400/75),
- following the joint meeting of the Committee on Budgets, the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Budgets and the Opinion of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 437/75),

1. Once again points to the special nature of the European Coal and Steel Community which has since its establishment been able to draw on its own resources, and to the exemplary cooperation which has existed in this respect for many years between the Commission and Parliament;

2. Particularly welcomes the fact that the Commission has followed Parliament's request and provided a background chapter on economic policy and finance which makes it easier to assess the Commission's forecasts;

3. Calls upon the Commission to supplement its *aide-mémoire* in future with the following information of considerable importance for the deliberations of the European Parliament:

- an up-to-date account of the assets and loan activities of the European Coal and Steel Community for the current financial year;
- clear formulation of the general line of Commission policy in the two areas;
- an up-to-date account of production and of the levy yield for the current financial year;

4. Insists that in future information about the current financial year and forecasts of expenditure for the following financial year should be as clear as possible, in accordance with the principle of budgetary clarity, to comply with the fundamental requirements which have to be set by Parliament in view of its powers of budgetary control;

5. Considers it more advisable to use any surplus from the levy yield in the coming year if possible for further expenditure in the social field;

6. Recommends the Commission to amend Decision 72/2691/EEC of 18 December 1972 to the effect that increases in average values should not have to be fully implemented;
7. Is of the opinion that the envisaged increase in average values could, in the present economic conditions, lead to serious liquidity problems and therefore calls on the Commission to amend the mode of payment provisionally to take account of the difficult financial position of undertakings;
8. Agrees with the Commission's proposal for the allocation of resources for the various activities in 1976 and particularly supports the Commission's intention of increasing its efforts in the field of research;
9. Consequently approves the Commission's proposal for the budget of the European Coal and Steel Community for 1976 and, in the light of the above suggestions, calls upon the Commission to maintain the levy rate at 0.29 %.

Final adoption of the general budget for 1976

The President announced that, pursuant to Article 203 (7) of the EEC Treaty, Article 177 (7) of the Euratom Treaty and Article 78 (7) of the ECSC Treaty, the budgetary procedure laid down in these articles had been completed and that the general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1976 had therefore been finally adopted.

He also announced that the final text of the budget would be published in the 'L' series of the *Official Journal of the European Communities*.

Change in agenda

On a proposal from the President and after Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, had spoken, Parliament decided to place Mr De Koning's report on the common organization of the markets in cereals and rice (Doc. 303/75), the debate of which had been adjourned during Monday's sitting, on the agenda for that day's sitting after the report by Mr Brégégère on the French overseas departments (Doc. 434/75).

Membership of committees

At the request of the Socialist Group, Parliament ratified the appointment of Mr Espersen as a member of the Political Affairs Committee to replace Mr Knud Nielsen.

Retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the Commission's delegation

Mr Giraud, deputizing for the rapporteur, introduced the report drawn up by Mr Lückner, on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee, on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to Latin America (Doc. 429/75).

The following spoke: Mr Corona on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Klepsch on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Sandri on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Lord Reay on behalf of the European Conservative Group, and Mr Gundelach, *Member of the Commission*.

Mr Dalyell gave an explanation of the vote.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the retention of Santiago de Chile as the seat of the delegation of the Commission of the European Communities to Latin America

The European Parliament,

— deeply concerned at the political situation in Chile, in that after more than two years of military dictatorship there is still no indication of a return to normal conditions in that country,

1. Confirms its condemnation of the suppression by force of democratic freedom;

2. Notes with displeasure the continued violation of human and civil rights;
3. Reaffirms its solidarity with the Chilean people and calls for respect by the Chilean authorities for these human and civil rights, and the restoration of normal democratic conditions;
4. Strongly urges the release of all political prisoners, many of whom are being held in inhuman conditions;
5. Urges the Commission of the European Communities to reconsider the position of the Community Information Office for relations with Latin America, if no fundamental change in the situation in Chile, i.e. a return to democracy and the respect of human rights is ascertained within a foreseeable period;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

The sitting, which was suspended at 1.25 p.m. was resumed at 3 p.m

IN THE CHAIR: Mr C. BERKHOUWER

Vice-President

Appointment of a member of the European Parliament

The President informed Parliament that the Chamber of Representatives of the Kingdom of Belgium had notified him that it had appointed Mr Clerfayt as a member of the European Parliament to replace Mr Outers, who had resigned.

The President announced that Mr Clerfayt's credentials would be verified after the next bureau meeting and that in the meantime, this representative would, pursuant to Rule 3 (3) of the Rules of Procedure, take his seat provisionally in Parliament and on its committees with the same rights as other members.

The President welcomed Mr Clerfayt on behalf of Parliament.

Filing of two petitions

The President announced that Petition No 6/75 submitted by Mr Albrecht and 141 others on the persecution of Korean workers in the Member States of the Communities and Petition No 7/75 submitted by Mr Feidt, Mr Necci, Mr Ronchail and Mr Schouller on relations between the Community and the Spanish Government, which had both been referred to the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions, had been filed, at the request of that committee, without further action.

Change in agenda

At the request of the two rapporteurs and the Commission, Parliament decided to hold a joint debate on the report by Mr Patijn on the Agreement between the EEC and Israel (Doc. 422/75) and the report by Mr Pintat on the Communities' Mediterranean policy (Doc. 385/75), which were the next items on the agenda.

EEC-Israel Agreement — Community's Mediterranean policy

Mr Patijn introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel signed on 11 May 1975 (Doc. 422/75).

Mr Pintat introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy (Doc. 385/75).

The following spoke: Mr Vetrone, *Draftsman of the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Schulz and Mr Giraud, both on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Kaspereit and Mr Krieg on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Spicer on behalf of the European Conservative Group, Mr Sandri on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, Mrs Ewing and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

Parliament adopted the resolution contained in the Patijn report (Doc. 422/75) :

RESOLUTION

**on the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel signed
on 11 May 1975**

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the signing of an Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel ⁽¹⁾,
 - having regard to the fact that the Agreement came into force on 1 July 1975,
 - having regard to its resolution of 14 May 1975 on this Agreement ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Political Affairs Committee, the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 422/75),
1. Notes with satisfaction the entry into force of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the State of Israel;
 2. Expresses the opinion that through the 'growth clause' in the Agreement ⁽³⁾ a real expansion of relations between the Community and the State of Israel must be rapidly attained;
 3. Requests the Council in this connection to take an early decision on the Commission's recommendation to conclude in due course an Additional Protocol with Israel on economic and financial cooperation between the two parties;
 4. Points again to the fact that this Agreement indicates the Community's firm resolve to establish closer links with the Mediterranean countries;
 5. Hopes therefore that the Association Agreements between the European Economic Community and Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia will be signed at an early date and that the Council will shortly give the Commission a mandate to open negotiations with Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria with a view to concluding (new) preferential trade agreements comparable to this Agreement;
 6. Is gratified to note that this Agreement contains a provision whereby the parties agree not to discriminate between the contracting States, their nationals or their companies or firms ⁽⁴⁾ and trusts that an identical provision will be included in all future agreements concluded by the Community;
 7. Recalls that it is desirable to take the necessary initiatives to establish suitable and regular contacts between its members and those of the Israeli Parliament ⁽⁵⁾;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 136, 28. 5. 1975.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 128, 9. 6. 1975, p. 19.

⁽³⁾ Article 26 of this Agreement.

⁽⁴⁾ Article 24 of this Agreement.

⁽⁵⁾ See paragraph 4 of the resolution of 14 May 1975.

Parliament then adopted the resolution contained in the Pintat report (Doc. 385/75):

RESOLUTION

on recent developments in the Community's Mediterranean policy

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolutions of 9 February 1971 ⁽¹⁾ on the Community's commercial policy in the Mediterranean basin and 15 March 1973 ⁽²⁾ on the consequences of the enlargement of the European Community for its relations with the Mediterranean countries,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 385/75),

1. Recognizes the efforts made since 1972 by the Commission and the Council to provide the Community with an effective overall policy as regards third countries bordering the Mediterranean;
2. Notes that progress in this field has suffered a number of setbacks, both internal and external to the Community, which have considerably interfered with the schedule set out by the Commission in its communication on the overall approach;
3. Nevertheless welcomes the entry into force on 1 July 1975 of the Agreement signed between the Community and the State of Israel as a first concrete step towards achievement of this overall policy;
4. Invites the competent Community authorities to pursue and bring to a successful conclusion the negotiations opened two years ago with the Maghreb countries and Malta for the signing of a preferential agreement, and to begin at an early date those planned with Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan;
5. Considers that the Mediterranean policy should aim at establishing very close relations between the Community and the other Mediterranean countries, based on the principles of mutual interest and the complementarity of economic and human resources, so that through the development of these balanced relations, some contribution may be made to maintaining a lasting peace in this area;
6. Stresses that attempts to achieve these objectives must be reconciled with the legitimate interests — particularly in the agricultural sector — of the people of the Mediterranean regions of the Community, who are the first to suffer from the adverse effects of tariff concessions granted to third countries;
7. Feels, therefore, that it is important that the Community should have at its disposal the resources to enable it to take special measures, whenever the need arises, in favour of these regions;
8. Supports the Commission's proposals for a policy on long-term export contracts and requests the Council to instruct the Commission to take action in this matter;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 19, 1. 3. 1971, p. 15.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 19, 12. 4. 1973, p. 34.

9. Also emphasizes the need to safeguard the advantages granted to associated countries which are potential members of the Community, but are not directly concerned by the implementation of the overall Mediterranean policy;
10. Trusts that this cooperation will cover, in addition to the economic sector, matters of common interest such as scientific research, protection of the environment and the safeguard of cultural heritages;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Directives on the elimination of technical barriers to trade

Mr Mitterdorfer introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on the elimination of technical barriers to trade, with particular reference to:

- the proposals for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to:
 - taximeters (Doc. 198/75),
 - lifting and mechanical handling appliances and electrically operated lifts (Doc. 214/75),
 - fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut puree (Doc. 235/75)

(Doc. 343/75).

At the request of Mr Broeksz and after Mr Scott-Hopkins had spoken, Parliament decided to refer the 16 amendments tabled by Mr Liogier, on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, to that committee.

The following spoke on a question of procedure: Mr Laban, Mr Broeksz, Mr Laban and Mr Yeats.

The following spoke: Mr Liogier, Mr Spicer and Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*.

On the proposal for a Directive on lifting and mechanical handling appliances and electrically operated lifts (Doc. 214/75), Mr Durieux and Mr Hougardy had tabled amendment No 18 which, since the authors were absent, became void.

Mr Yeats spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Scott-Hopkins asked for the debate to be adjourned.

Mr Lange and Mr Yeats spoke on this proposal.

Parliament rejected Mr Scott-Hopkins' proposal.

Parliament next considered the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble and paragraphs 1 and 2.

Two amendments had been tabled for the insertion of new paragraphs after paragraph 2, namely:

- amendment No 19 by Mr Durieux and Mr Hougardy for the insertion of three new paragraphs, which, since the authors were absent, Mr Houdet moved, and
- amendment No 17 by Mr Noè, Mr Vandewiele and Mr Deschamps for the insertion of a new paragraph, which Mr Noè moved.

The following spoke: Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Noè.

Amendment No 17 was rejected.

Amendment No 19 was rejected.

At the request of Mr Yeats, Parliament voted separately on paragraphs 3 and 4.

Paragraph 3 was adopted.

Mr Yeats, Mr Broeksz and Mr Lange gave explanations of the vote.

Paragraph 4, which was voted by sitting and standing since the result of the show of hands was doubtful, was rejected.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for the elimination of technical trade barriers, with particular reference to the proposals for Directives on the approximation of the laws of the Member States on:

- taximeters,
- lifting and mechanical handling appliances and electrically operated lifts,
- fruit jams, jellies and marmalades, and chestnut purée

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty,
- having regard to its resolution of 12 December 1974 ⁽²⁾ on the elimination of technical trade barriers,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Legal Affairs Committee and the Committee on Public Health and the Environment (Doc. 343/75 and Annex),

1. Stresses that, if further delays in the elimination of technical trade barriers are to be avoided, a more streamlined procedure is required which at the same time ensures effective intervention and control by the Community institutions;

2. Refers in principle to its earlier proposals ⁽²⁾, in particular those concerning procedure, requiring the Commission to submit systematically outline Directives in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty for the individual sectors defined in action programmes and, pursuant to Article 155 of the EEC Treaty, to lay down on its own responsibility provisions for their implementation;

3. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposals, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 168, 25. 7. 1975, p. 8, COM(75) 336 fin.; OJ No C 202, 4. 9. 1975, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 5, 8. 1. 1975.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for
a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to common
provisions for lifting and mechanical handling appliances**

Preamble and Articles 1 and 2 unchanged

Article 3

No Member State may prevent, prohibit or restrict the placing on the market, use or entry into service, for a purpose for which it is designed, of any lifting or mechanical handling appliance or component thereof, on grounds relating to its construction or to its inspection, examination and testing, as defined and specified in this Directive, if, in accordance with the requirements specified in the relevant separate directive:

Article 3

No Member State may prevent, prohibit or restrict the **importation**, placing on the market, use or entry into service, for a purpose for which it is designed, of any lifting or mechanical handling appliance or component thereof, on grounds relating to its construction or to its inspection, examination and testing, as defined and specified in this Directive, if, in accordance with the requirements specified in the relevant separate directive:

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see COM(75) 336/fin.

 TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

 TEXT AMENDED BY THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

1. for a lifting or mechanical handling device subject to EEC type-approval of a component subject to EEC component type-approval, the appliance or component conforms to the respective model or type;
2. for a lifting or mechanical handling appliance not subject to EEC type-approval and a component not subject to EEC component type-approval, the appliance or component conforms to the requirements of the relevant separate directives and is accompanied by a certificate of conformity if required by the corresponding directives.

1. unchanged

2. unchanged

Articles 4 to 23 unchanged

*Article 24**Article 24*

1. Member States shall put into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions needed in order to comply with this Directive within 18 months of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

1. unchanged

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of provisions of national law which they adopt **or intend to adopt** in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 25 unchanged

Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to electrically operated lifts

Preamble and Articles 1 to 5 unchanged

*Article 6**Article 6*

1. The Member States shall put into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions needed in order to comply with this Directive within 18 months of its notification and shall forthwith inform the Commission thereof.

1. unchanged

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt in the field covered by this Directive.

2. Member States shall communicate to the Commission the text of the provisions of national law which they adopt **or intend to adopt** in the field covered by this Directive.

Article 7 unchanged

Regulation on Community transit

Mr Mitterdorfer introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 321/75) for a Regulation on Community transit (Doc. 426/75).

The following spoke: Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*.

IN THE CHAIR: LORD BESSBOROUGH

Vice-President

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation on Community transit

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 321/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 426/75),

1. Considers that the Commission's proposal represents a simplification of procedures for both consumers and Community authorities;
2. Therefore approves the Commission's proposal;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 244, 24. 10. 1975, p. 2.

Regulation on Community transit

Mr Mitterdorfer introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 237/75) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 542/69 on Community transit (Doc. 323/75).

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) 542/69 on Community transit

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 237/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 323/75),

1. Notes with satisfaction that the Commission is making effective progress with its simplification programme for customs procedures and duties and institutional methods of examining customs matters;
2. Regards the Commission's proposal as a further effective contribution to the achievement of the internal Community market;
3. Points out that a fundamental simplification will be achieved in respect of the carriage of goods by rail, road and air within the Community by abolishing costly administrative formalities;
4. Emphasizes that, compared with the previous arrangements, the guarantee system has been made more flexible in that it has been made dependent on the sufficiency of the principal and the list of goods requiring a guarantee has been shortened;
5. Regrets that the fixing of criteria for exemption from furnishing a guarantee has been left to the separate national administrations and fears that this may lead to distortions of competition to the disadvantage of small- and medium-sized undertakings;
6. Believes that the list of goods still subject to the guarantee requirement should include as small a number of products as possible and be based on objective Community criteria;
7. Takes this opportunity to ask for proposals to be drawn up on the extension of mutual assistance by the Member States on the collection of customs duties;
8. Requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its proposal pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 149 of the EEC Treaty and, subject to this reservation, approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 204, 6. 9. 1975, p. 2.

TEXT PROPOSED BY THE COMMISSION
OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES ⁽¹⁾

TEXT AMENDED BY THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Proposal for a Council Regulation on Community transit

Preamble and recitals unchanged
Article 1 unchanged

Article 2

Article 2

The following Articles are added to Regulation
(EEC) No 542/69:

'Article 27a

1. In derogation from Article 27, the principal may be exempted from furnishing a guarantee when the risk of non-recovery of duties and any other applicable charges is considered negligible according to the sufficiency of the principal.

2. *The provisions necessary for the application of paragraph 1 shall be adopted under the procedure laid down in Article 58.*

Article 27b

1. In derogation from Article 27, the principal shall be exempted from furnishing a guarantee for goods which fulfil the conditions laid down in Articles 9 and 10 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community and for goods covered by the Treaty establishing the European Coal and Steel Community which are in free circulation in accordance with this Treaty except such goods shown on a list drawn up under the procedure laid down in Article 58.

2. *Only goods which present additional risks due to the high level of charges to which they are liable, in particular excise duties and other charges on consumption, other than value added tax, shall be included in the list ⁽²⁾.*

'Article 27a

1. unchanged

2. For the application of paragraph 1, objective criteria excluding distortions of competition to the disadvantage of small undertakings shall be laid down under the procedure stipulated in Article 58 as a condition of exemption from the obligation to furnish a guarantee.

Article 27b

1. unchanged

2. This list shall be based on objective criteria and shall include as limited a range of goods as possible, namely only goods which present additional risks due to the high level of charges to which they are liable, in particular excise duties and other charges on consumption, other than value added tax.'

Articles 3 to 9 unchanged

⁽¹⁾ For full text, see OJ No C 204, 6. 9. 1975, p. 2.

⁽²⁾ The above is the corrected English text of Article 27b (2).

Pluriannual programme on thermonuclear fusion

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Flämig, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 222/75) for a pluriannual programme of the Community for the years 1976 to 1980 in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics (Doc. 402/75)

The following spoke: Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, and Mr Flämig who, complying with the wish expressed by Mr Lardinois, withdrew, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology, the proposed modification to the text proposed by the Commission.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a pluriannual programme of the Community for the years 1976 to 1980 in the field of controlled thermonuclear fusion and plasma physics

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 222/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 402/75),
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on energy and research policy,
1. Reiterates the need to take all measures offering reasonable prospects of making the Community's energy supplies more secure;
 2. Regards controlled nuclear fusion as one of the solutions to the energy problem, if the extensive research in this area proves successful;
 3. Finds that in this specific field of research, the European Community has achieved noteworthy success, giving it a pilot function in the world, and that the Community must therefore speak with a single voice in this sector of research;
 4. Advocates the intensification of Community research in the field of controlled nuclear fusion and plasma physics, which must not, however, result in funds being taken away from research in the field of reactor safety and further development of the peaceful application of nuclear fission;
 5. Recommends that the site for the new fusion device and the corresponding central research station be an existing large research centre in this specific field, that has an attractive location for qualified researchers and a particularly favourable infrastructure;
 6. Is in favour of allowing access to this research programme to those third countries linked with the Community through economic agreements in which an extension to the technological sphere is provided for if they themselves so wish;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 201, 3. 9. 1975, p. 4.

7. Calls on the Council and the Commission, in the general interest, to be generous in extending opportunities of accession where such third countries are willing and able to make an effective research contribution;
8. Welcomes the fact that the programme is to be reviewed during its lifetime to improve and prolong it, and hopes that it will be consulted on Commission proposals here;
9. Deplores the fact that the Council has failed to include appropriations for the start-up of the programme in its draft budget for 1976, so that resources are available for the necessary staff, but not for their activities, thus creating a danger that this apparently unquestioned programme might not be implemented in time;
10. Approves the Commission's proposal and calls on the Council to implement it at the earliest possible date and to earmark the necessary funds immediately, so that this programme can follow on the previous one without interruption.

Statement on the prices of agricultural products

Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, made a statement on the prices of agricultural products for 1976.

Parliament decided to refer the text of Mr Lardinois' statement to the Committee on Agriculture.

The following spoke: Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Frehsee, Mr Laban, Lord Walston, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Lord Bruce, Mr Howell, Mr Früh, Mr Vetrone, Mr Broeks and Mr Lardinois.

Change in agenda

At the request of Mr Gibbons, Parliament decided to defer his report on the market in sheepmeat (Doc. 432/75) to the January 1976 part-session.

On a proposal from Mr Scott-Hopkins, Parliament decided to postpone to January the oral question with debate which he and Mr Corrie had put on the fishing industry (Doc. 424/75).

The following spoke: Mr Houdet, *Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture*, Mr Lardinois, *Member of the Commission*, Mr Dalyell, and Mr Scott-Hopkins, the latter on a question of procedure.

In accordance with the decision taken the previous day, Parliament deferred to Friday, 19 December 1975 consideration of those items on the agenda it

had not been able to deal with during that day's sitting.

Agenda for next sitting

The President announced the following agenda for the next sitting on Friday, 19 December 1975:

from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

- Bourdellès report on seed potatoes and vegetable seed;
- Brégégère report on the French overseas departments;
- De Koning report on the common organization of the markets in cereals and rice;
- Schuijt report on Cyprus sherry;
- Kaspereit report on dried figs and dried grapes originating in Spain;
- Klepsch report on fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, etc.;
- Seefeld report on recording equipment in road transport;
- Martens report on the fat content of milk (without debate);
- Walker-Smith report on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector (without debate);

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- Lady Fisher report on a European project on nuisances (without debate);
 - Kaspereit report on trade with Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Vetrone report on the importation of fishery products from Tunisia and Morocco (without debate);
 - Bayerl report on the payment of duties at importation or at exportation (without debate).

The sitting was closed at 7.40 p.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER
Vice-President

ANNEX

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL MODIFICATIONS
to Parliament's amendments to the draft budget of the European Communities for the
financial year 1976**

(Adopted by the European Parliament at its sitting of 18 December 1975)

AMENDMENT No 1

tabled by Miss Flesch *Rapporteur*, on behalf of the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 81 of the European Parliament

*SECTION II — COUNCIL**ANNEX I — ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE***ESTABLISHMENT PLAN**

Modify the establishment plan by the following conversions of posts:

- category A: + 2 A3
 — 1 A4
 — 1 A5
- category LA: + 2 A3
 — 2 A4
- category Bt: + 1 Bt4
- category C: — 1 C2

Justification

The Committee on Budgets is retabling this amendment on the one hand in the light of the arguments put forward by Parliament on 13 November 1975 with regard to a policy of advancement which corresponds also to the structural changes on the secretariat of the Economic and Social Committee, and on the other because, since these conversions have no budgetary implications, it cannot accept the Council's argument that such conversions cannot be justified in a period of austerity.

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AMENDMENT No 2

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 64 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***ESTABLISHMENT PLAN**

Add to the Commission's establishment plan two category A posts and three category C posts for the Commission departments responsible for the implementation of the Convention of Lomé.

A. EXPENDITURE

Increase Commission expenditure by 50 000 u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

Justification

The Council considered that this amendment should be rejected since on the one hand it had given the Commission 42 additional posts (of the 54 requested) for implementing the Convention of Lomé, and on the other because it felt that the Commission could resort to internal transfers of staff on the basis of the possibilities established by the Commission's screening group. As the Council points out, the Committee on Budgets had indeed agreed that use should be made of the results obtained by the screening group, but this was last July. The committee feels that the Convention of Lomé must be implemented without delay, and that it is therefore necessary to create three of the 12 posts by which the Council had reduced the number of additional staff requested by the Commission.

Financial implications

Under the provisions currently in force, this draft amendment will affect the budget as follows:

Expenditure

Title 1, Chapter 11 — Staff

- Article 110 — Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the list of posts
- Article 113 — Sickness and accident insurance
- Article 114 — Miscellaneous allowances and grants
- Article 116 — Salary weightings

Title 1, Chapter 12 — Allowances and expenses on entering and on leaving the service and on transfer

- Article 121 — Travel expenses (including members of the family)
- Article 122 — Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances

Article 123	— Removal expenses	
Article 124	— Temporary daily subsistence allowances:	
increase this appropriation by 47 300 u.a. ⁽¹⁾		
Title 9	— Other expenditure	
Chapter 98	— Non-allocated provisional appropriations:	
increase this appropriation by 2 500 u.a.		

⁽¹⁾ This appropriation is broken down in Chapters 11 and 12 as follows:

Chapter 11

Item 1100	— Basic salaries	+ 14 800 u.a.
Item 1101	— Family allowances	+ 1 600 u.a.
Item 1102	— Expatriation allowances	+ 1 900 u.a.
Item 1103	— Temporary fixed allowances	+ 400 u.a.
Item 1130	— Sickness insurance	+ 700 u.a.
Item 1131	— Insurance against accidents	+ 100 u.a.
Item 1141	— Travel expenses on annual leave	+ 800 u.a.
Article 116	— Salary weightings	+ 8 900 u.a.

Chapter 11 — Total + 29 200 u.a.

Chapter 12

Item 1211	— Staff travel expenses (including members of the family)	+ 900 u.a.
Item 1221	— Staff installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	+ 4 900 u.a.
Item 1231	— Staff removal expenses	+ 7 900 u.a.
Item 1241	— Staff temporary daily subsistence allowances	+ 4 400 u.a.

Chapter 12 — Total + 18 100 u.a.

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AMENDMENT No 3

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 65 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Add to the Commission's establishment plan seven category A posts for staff intended for the EAGGF and the European Regional Development Fund.

A. EXPENDITURE

Increase Commission appropriations by 110 000 u.a. and freeze them ⁽¹⁾.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

⁽¹⁾ This appropriation to be unfrozen only with the authorization of Parliament.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets feels that the 'stabilization of posts' deserves a lower priority rating than the extension of EAGGF checks and the rapid implementation of the Regional Fund which require a modest but indispensable increase in staff.

Financial implications

Under the provisions currently in force, this draft amendment will affect the budget as follows:

Expenditure

Title 1, Chapter 11 — Staff

- Article 110 — Officials and temporary staff holding a post provided for in the list of posts
- Article 113 — Sickness and accident insurance
- Article 114 — Miscellaneous allowances and grants
- Article 116 — Salary weightings

Title 1, Chapter 12 — Allowances and expenses on entering and on leaving the service and on transfer

- Article 121 — Travel expenses (including members of the family)
- Article 122 — Installation, resettlement and transfer allowances
- Article 123 — Removal expenses
- Article 124 — Temporary daily subsistence allowances:

increase these appropriations by 65 500 u.a. ⁽¹⁾

Title 9 — Other expenditure

Chapter 98 — Non-allocated provisional appropriations:
increase this appropriation by 3 500 u.a.

⁽¹⁾ In Chapters 11 and 12, modify the appropriations as follows:

Chapter 11

Item 1100 — Basic salaries	+ 20 600 u.a.
Item 1101 — Family allowances	+ 2 200 u.a.
Item 1102 — Expatriation allowances	+ 2 600 u.a.
Item 1103 — Temporary fixed allowances	—
Item 1130 — Sickness insurance	+ 900 u.a.
Item 1131 — Insurance against accidents	+ 200 u.a.
Item 1141 — Travel expenses on annual leave	+ 1 100 u.a.
Article 116 — Salary weightings	+ 12 500 u.a.

Chapter 11 — Total + 40 100 u.a.

Chapter 12

Item 1211 — Staff travel expenses (including members of the family)	+ 1 200 u.a.
Item 1221 — Staff installation, resettlement and transfer allowances	+ 6 900 u.a.
Item 1231 — Staff removal expenses	+ 11 100 u.a.
Item 1241 — Staff temporary daily subsistence allowances	+ 6 200 u.a.

Chapter 12 — Total + 25 400 u.a.

Title 2	— Buildings, equipment and miscellaneous administrative expenditure
Chapter 21	— Rental of buildings and associated expenditure:
increase this appropriation by 28 157 u.a. ⁽¹⁾	
Chapter 22	— Movable property and associated expenditure:
increase this appropriation by 9 840 u.a. ⁽²⁾	
Chapter 23	— Current administrative expenditure:
increase this appropriation by 40 657 u.a. ⁽³⁾	

⁽¹⁾ In Chapter 21, modify the appropriations as follows:

<i>Chapter 21 — Rental of buildings and associated expenditure</i>	
Article 210	+ 15 750 u.a.
Article 211	+ 283 u.a.
Article 212	+ 1 575 u.a.
Article 213	+ 3 937 u.a.
Article 214	+ 5 400 u.a.
Article 219	+ 1 212 u.a.
<i>Chapter 21 — Total</i>	
	+ 28 157 u.a.

⁽²⁾ In Chapter 22, modify the appropriations as follows:

<i>Chapter 22 — Movable property and associated expenditure</i>	
Item 2200	+ 300 u.a.
Item 2203	+ 20 u.a.
Item 2210	+ 8 200 u.a.
Item 2220	+ 1 208 u.a.
Item 2223	+ 112 u.a.
<i>Chapter 22 — Total</i>	
	+ 9 840 u.a.

⁽³⁾ In Chapter 23, modify the appropriations as follows:

<i>Chapter 23 — Current administrative expenditure</i>	
Item 2300	+ 970 u.a.
Item 2310	+ 420 u.a.
Item 2311	+ 910 u.a.
Item 2390	+ 360 u.a.
<i>Chapter 23 — Total</i>	
	+ 2 660 u.a.

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AMENDMENT No 4

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 51 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Add to the Commission's establishment plan two category A posts to ensure the permanent representation of staff.

A. EXPENDITURE

Increase expenditure by 33 300 u.a. to be broken down as shown overleaf.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

Justification

As the Council itself points out, the problem of creating posts to ensure the permanent representation of staff at the administration of the Commission has remained unsolved for three years. All the more reason for these posts to be created at the Commission as in other institutions.

Financial implications

Under the provisions currently in force, this draft amendment will affect the budget as follows:

Expenditure

Title 1	— Expenditure relating to persons working with the Institution		
Chapter 11	— Staff		
Item 1100		11 950 u.a.	
Item 1101		1 300 u.a.	
Item 1102		1 550 u.a.	
Item 1103		—	
Item 1130		600 u.a.	
Item 1131		150 u.a.	
Item 1141		350 u.a.	
Article 116		8 100 u.a.	
Total			24 000 u.a.
Chapter 12	— Allowances and expenses on entering and on leaving the service and on transfer		
Item 1211		400 u.a.	
Item 1221		2 650 u.a.	
Item 1231		3 500 u.a.	
Item 1241		2 750 u.a.	
Total			9 300 u.a.
Chapters 11 and 12	— Total		33 300 u.a.

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AMENDMENT No 5

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 66 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

A. EXPENDITURE

Title 1, Chapter 14:

insert an Article 145 — Building loans:

enter an appropriation of one million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Reinstate Article 994 (revenue chapter) — Repayment of building loans; proceeds from interest on these loans:

enter an appropriation of 62 500 u.a.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets had originally tabled this amendment in 1974 during consideration of the 1975 budget. It subsequently withdrew it in order to give the Council the opportunity to conclude its examination of the various problems involved.

In view of the justification already adopted by Parliament on 13 November (advisability of not discontinuing social measures because of lack of funds and of beginning to meet the 450 applications currently in abeyance); the committee is retabling this amendment. In the interest of economy, it has reduced the amount involved from two million to one million u.a.

In addition, the Committee on Budgets sees no reason to await the Council's decision before making provisions for appropriations to meet an expenditure which it considers both justified and foreseeable; by acting in this way, it feels that it is making available to the Commission appropriations which can be used effectively, without delay or recourse to supplementary procedures, as soon as the necessary texts have been adopted.

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AMENDMENT No 6

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 67 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION**A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 30 — Expenditure in the social sector

Article 305 — Community measures under the employment policy:

insert an Item 3052 — Contribution to pilot projects on better housing for migrant workers:

reinstate the token entry proposed by the Commission.

Item 3052 of the draft budget becomes Item 3053.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets approves the principle of pilot projects on better housing for migrant workers and therefore proposes the introduction of a corresponding budget item to which appropriations can be allocated once an accurate estimate of requirements has been made.

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AMENDMENT No 7

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 47/rev. of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 32 — Expenditure in the industrial and energy sectors

Article 322 — Projects in the hydrocarbons sector

Item 3220 — Community technological development projects in the hydrocarbons sector:

increase appropriations by three million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by three million u.a.

Justification

As regards the introduction of commitment appropriations, the Committee on Budgets notes that the Financial Regulation by no means prohibits the use of such appropriations to meet expenditure which is staggered over several years; it feels however that this matter could usefully be studied by the budgetary authority during the first quarter of 1976. As regards the level of the payment appropriations, the Committee on Budgets is reducing from 10 to three million u.a. the proposed increase in the appropriations appearing in the draft budget (25 million u.a.) in view of decisions to finance projects which the Council has already taken or might be about to take within the context of Regulation (EEC) No 3056/73.

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AMENDMENT No 8

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 44 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 32 — Expenditure in the industrial and energy sectors

Article 322 — Projects in the hydrocarbons sector

Item 3221 — Joint projects in connection with prospecting for hydrocarbons:

increase appropriations by one million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by one million u.a.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets considers:

- that the introduction of the distinction between payment and commitment appropriations should be postponed for the reasons given in amendment No 47/rev.;
- that, as regards payment appropriations, the introduction of a mere token entry as proposed by the Council (without any corresponding provisional appropriations entered in Chapter 98) has virtually no significance; it therefore feels that an appropriation of one million u.a. should be maintained to enable a start to be made with the project in question.

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AMENDMENT No 9

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 46 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

A. EXPENDITURE

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 32 — Expenditure in the industrial and energy sectors:

insert an Article 323 — Prospecting for uranium deposits:

enter an appropriation of one million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by one million u.a.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets considers:

- that the introduction of the distinction between payment and commitment appropriations should be postponed for the reasons given in amendment No 47/rev.;
- that, as regards payment appropriations, an appropriation of one million u.a. should be maintained in order to indicate the Community's resolve to embark upon this important project and to enable a start to be made in 1976. The Committee on Budgets stresses the fact that under Article 70 of the Euratom Treaty, only the Commission can decide to undertake this project.

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AMENDMENT No 10

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 6 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION**A. REVENUE**

Title 9, Chapter 94 — Borrowing and lending:
insert a new Article 944 — Yield from Community borrowing for the financing of nuclear power stations:
introduce a token entry.

B. EXPENDITURE

Title 3, Chapter 32 — Expenditure in the industrial and energy sectors:
enter an Article 329 — Community loans for the financing of nuclear power stations:
introduce a token entry.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets proposes the retention of this amendment which is based on the position adopted by the European Parliament as regards the need to enter Community borrowings and lendings in the budget (cf., resolution of 19 June 1975).

It also proposes that the exact procedure for making these entries in the budget should be examined by the budgetary authority during the first quarter of 1976.

Finally, it points out that these loans can account in the short term for up to two-thirds of the budget and that they are intended for the development of important Community projects in which the European Parliament intends to be involved as far as the budget is concerned.

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AMENDMENT No 11

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 84 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION**A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution
Chapter 33 — Expenditure on research and investment

Article 330 — Expenditure on research and investment
 Annex I, Title 3 — Joint programme — headquarters and indirect action:
 increase appropriations by 30 million u.a. ⁽¹⁾ in payment appropriations and
 197 628 541 u.a. in commitment appropriations.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by 30 million u.a. in payment appropriations.

Justification

In view of the new elements which have arisen since the beginning of the budgetary procedure, the Committee on Budgets feels that an increase in appropriations of 30 million u.a. can cover the Commission's requirements in this field without there being any need to resort to a supplementary budget during the 1976 financial year.

In view of the imminence and inevitability of a Council decision in this field, the Committee on Budgets proposes that these appropriations be frozen in order to emphasize that they are of a special nature and do not affect Parliament's margin of manoeuvre, and to ensure that Parliament is more closely involved in their utilization.

The Committee on Budgets considers that an inter-institutional agreement can thus be reached on the appropriations required in this vital sector of Community activity; it points out that the Council is accepting in this case the allocation of appropriations to a project in respect of which the Council has not taken a final decision, thus giving the budget a genuine element of foresight.

Financial implications

The appropriations are to be broken down as follows in Annex I to Volume 4 of the draft budget (Statement of revenue and expenditure for 1976 relating to research and investment activities):

Title 3 — Joint programme — headquarters and indirect action

	<i>Commitment appropriations</i>	<i>Payment appropriations</i>
Chapter 3.20 — Thermonuclear fusion	157 671 773 u.a.	23 923 434 u.a.
Chapter 3.30 — Biology and health protection (radiation protection)	17 731 950 u.a.	2 502 000 u.a.
Chapter 3.31 — Biology and health protection (medical and agricultural research)	12 017 318 u.a.	1 127 327 u.a.
Chapter 3.51 — Reference materials and me- thods	750 243 u.a.	229 132 u.a.
Chapter 3.52 — Protection of the environment	9 457 257 u.a.	2 218 107 u.a.
Total	<u>197 628 541 u.a.</u>	<u>30 000 000 u.a.</u>

⁽¹⁾ This appropriation to be unfrozen only with Parliament's authorization.

AMENDMENT No 12

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 49 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 33 — Expenditure on research and investment

Article 330 — Expenditure on research and investment

Annex I, Title 8 — Miscellaneous activities:

increase appropriations by 1 464 303 u.a. in payment appropriations and 4 532 800 u.a. in commitment appropriations.

B. COMPENSATION

Reduce appropriations under Title 9 (provisional appropriations) Chapters 931 and 934 by 1 224 303 u.a. and 240 000 u.a. respectively (payment appropriations) and 4 292 800 u.a. and 240 000 u.a. (commitment appropriations).

Justification

The Committee on Budgets maintains its view that this expenditure is necessary to ensure the proper functioning of the Joint Research Centre.

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AMENDMENT No 13

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 55 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution

Chapter 35 — Protection of man and his environment

Article 356 — Organization and 'humanizing' of work:

increase appropriations by 1 u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by 1 u.a.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets feels that this amendment has a symbolic value and that, like the token entry made by the Council in the draft budget, its purpose is to ensure that a start is made with a project in this field. It should therefore be maintained.

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AMENDMENT No 14

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 57 to the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

A. EXPENDITURE

Title 3 — Expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution
Chapter 39 — Other expenditure on specific projects undertaken by the institution:
insert an Article 393 — Expenditure on cultural projects (token entry).

B. REVENUE

Revenue unchanged.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets feels that the creation of an Article 393 will help to speed up the process of adoption of measures for the cultural preparation for European union.

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AMENDMENT No 15

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 58 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

A. EXPENDITURE

Title 4 — Aid, subsidies and financial contributions
Chapter 40 — Aids:
insert an Article 402 — Aid to beekeepers:
enter an appropriation of 2.5 million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets feels that the Council's argument that it sees no need to create a budgetary line for expenditure on a project in respect of which there is no Commission proposal is superseded by the Council Decision of 3 December approving within the framework of supplementary budget No 3 for 1975 the allocation of 2.5 million u.a. to the same project.

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AMENDMENT No 16

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 7 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION**A. REVENUE**

Title 9, Chapter 94:

insert an Article 945 — Yield from Community borrowing to provide aid for Member States experiencing balance of payments difficulties as a result of the rising prices of petroleum products:

introduce a token entry.

B. EXPENDITURE

Title 4 — Aid, subsidies and financial contributions:

insert a Chapter 48 — Community loans to provide aid for Member States experiencing balance of payments difficulties as a result of the rising prices of petroleum products:

introduce a token entry.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets proposes the retention of this amendment for the same reasons as those given in amendment No 6.

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AMENDMENT No 17

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 9/rev. of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 5,

Chapter 50 — Expenditure under Article 4 of the new Social Fund:

replace Article 500 by the following five new Articles:

Article 500 — Aid to the agricultural and textiles sectors

Article 501 — Aid to young people

Article 502 — Aid to handicapped persons

Article 503 — Aid to migrant workers

Article 504 — Aid to sectors and regions affected by the crisis.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets proposes the retention of this amendment; it regrets that the Council did not see fit to explain the reasons for its modifications thereto.

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AMENDMENT No 18

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment Nos 62, 63, 69, 70 and 71 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 5 — Funds

Chapter 50 — New Social Fund expenditure under Article 4:

increase appropriations by 20 million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets considers that the appropriations relating to this sector should continue to be given priority in the 1976 budget; it cannot accept the insufficient increase proposed by the Council (17.5 million u.a.).

In view, however, of the most recent estimates of requirements in this field, it feels that the increase in appropriations originally voted by Parliament (40 million u.a.) can be reduced to 20 million u.a.

With such an increase, it proposes that the appropriations relating to Chapter 50 be allocated as follows:

Article 500 — Agricultural and textile sectors	66 115 000 u.a.
Article 501 — Young workers	37 780 000 u.a.
Article 502 — Handicapped workers	17 001 000 u.a.
Article 503 — Migrant workers	20 779 000 u.a.
Article 504 — Anti-crisis measures	28 325 000 u.a.
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	170 000 000 u.a. ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Preliminary draft budget: 220 million u.a.
Draft budget: 150 million u.a.

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AMENDMENT No 19

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 8/rev./2 of the European Parliament

SECTION III — COMMISSION

A. EXPENDITURE

Title 5 — Funds

Chapter 51 — Expenditure under Article 5 of the new Social Fund:

replace Article 510 by the following two new articles:

Article 510 — Aid to improve the employment situation in certain regions, economic sectors or groups of companies

Article 511 — Measures to help handicapped persons not eligible to receive aid under Article 4

Justification

The Committee on Budgets proposes the retention of this amendment; it regrets that the Council did not see fit to explain the reasons for its modifications thereto.

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AMENDMENT No 20

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment Nos 72 and 73 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 5 — Funds

Chapter 51 — New Social Fund expenditure under Article 5:
increase appropriations by 20 million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue accordingly.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets considers that the appropriations relating to this sector should continue to be given priority in the 1976 budget; it cannot accept the insufficient increase proposed by the Council (17.5 million u.a.).

In view, however, of the most recent estimates of requirements in this field, it feels that the increase in appropriations originally voted by Parliament (30 million u.a.) can be reduced to 20 million u.a.

With such an increase, it proposes that the appropriations relating to Chapter 51 be allocated as follows:

Article 510 — Employment in certain regions, etc.	241 071 000 u.a.
Article 511 — Handicapped persons excluded from Article 4	28 929 000 u.a.
	270 000 000 u.a. ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Preliminary draft budget: 280 million u.a.
Draft budget: 250 million u.a.

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AMENDMENT No 21

tabled by the Committee on Budgets

to the modification by the Council to amendment No 24 of the European Parliament

*SECTION III — COMMISSION***A. EXPENDITURE**

Title 9 — Expenditure on cooperation with the developing countries
— Food aid expenditure and other expenditure

Chapter 93 — Special measures for financial and technical cooperation with the developing countries:

insert an Article 938 — Aid for cooperation projects with the developing countries carried out by non-governmental organizations:

enter an appropriation of 2.5 million u.a.

B. REVENUE

Increase revenue by 2.5 million u.a.

Justification

The Committee on Budgets proposes to retain an appropriation of 2.5 million u.a. for this project, which is designed to complement the Communities' general development policy, so that the Community can commence giving and intensify this aid during the 1976 financial year without having to resort to a supplementary budget.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE SITTING OF FRIDAY, 19 DECEMBER 1975

IN THE CHAIR: Mr C. BERKHOUWER

Vice-President

The sitting was opened at 9.30 a.m.

Approval of minutes

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day's sitting were approved.

Directive on seed potatoes and vegetable seed

Mr Bourdellès introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 384/75) for a Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC and Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes and vegetable seed (Doc. 433/75).

Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*, spoke.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive 66/403/EEC and Directive 70/458/EEC on the marketing of seed potatoes and vegetable seed

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 384/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 433/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 14.

Regulation on the French overseas departments

Mr Brégère introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 389/75) for a Regulation concerning the application of Article 40 (4) of the EEC Treaty to the French overseas departments (Doc. 434/75).

The following spoke: Mr Duval on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Dalyell, Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation concerning the application of Article 40(4) of the EEC Treaty to the French overseas departments

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 and 227 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 389/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 434/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 279, 6. 12. 1975, p. 4.

Regulations on the common organization of the markets in cereals and rice

The next item on the agenda was the continuation of the report drawn up by Mr De Koning, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 192/75) for:

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals
- II. a Regulation amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

(Doc. 303/75), which had been started during the sitting on Monday, 15 December 1975.

The following spoke: Mr Frehsee, who moved his amendment, Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, Mr Aigner, Mr Laban and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament next considered the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble.

On paragraph 1, Mr Frehsee had tabled amendment No 1.

The following spoke: Mr Laban, deputizing for the rapporteur, and Mr Frehsee.

Parliament adopted amendment No 1.

Parliament adopted paragraph 2.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for Regulations:

- I. amending Regulation No 120/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in cereals
- II. amending Regulation No 359/67/EEC on the common organization of the market in rice

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 192/75),

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 159, 16. 7. 1975, p. 9.

- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 303/75),
1. Cannot approve the Commission's proposals;
 2. Requests the Commission to draw up a report, before submitting its proposals for prices applicable in the 1976/77 marketing year, on:
 - (a) the maintenance of production refunds in the cereal sector and for all products in the starch sector,
 - (b) their impact on the competitive position of processing industries making use of these subsidized products.

Regulations on the organization of the market in wine and Cyprus sherry

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Schuijt, drawn up on behalf of the Associations Committee, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and with respect to the subheadings of the Common Customs Tariff (Doc. 416/75)
- II. a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 the period of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on the imports of the wine product exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom (Doc. 447/75)

(Doc. 455/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation amending Annex IV to Regulation (EEC) No 816/70 laying down additional provisions for the common organization of the market in wine and with respect to subheadings of the Common Customs Tariff
- II. a Regulation extending until 30 June 1976 Regulation (EEC) No 3576/73 on imports of wine products exported under the label of 'Cyprus Sherry' originating in and coming from Cyprus, and the introduction of subsidies for similar wine products produced in the Community as originally constituted and exported to Ireland and the United Kingdom

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 582 fin. and COM(75) 651 fin.),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 416/75 and Doc. 447/75),
- having regard to the report of the Associations Committee (Doc. 455/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposals.
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Regulations on quotas for dried figs and dried grapes from Spain

The next item on the agenda was the report drawn up by Mr Kaspereit on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 171/75) for:

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

(Doc. 264/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried figs falling within subheading ex 08.03 B of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)
- II. a Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for dried grapes falling within subheading ex 08.04 B I of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Spain (1976)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 171/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 264/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 148, 3. 7. 1975, p. 5.

Regulation on the importation of fresh lemons into the Community

Mr Spicer, deputizing for Mr Klepsch, introduced the report drawn up by the latter on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 318/75) for a Regulation suspending application of the condition governing the import into the Community of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with the Agreements in force between the European Community on the one hand and each of these countries on the other (Doc. 395/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council Regulation suspending application of the condition governing the import into the Community of fresh lemons originating in Cyprus, Spain, Israel, Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia and Turkey in accordance with the Agreements in force between the European Community on the one hand and each of these countries on the other

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 318/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinions of the Committee on Agriculture and the Associations Committee (Doc. 395/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 240, 21. 10. 1975, p. 2.

Regulation on recording equipment in road transport

Mr Seefeld introduced his report, drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 386/75) for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport (Doc. 440/75).

The following spoke: Mr Dalyell, Mr Seefeld, *Rapporteur*, Mr Mursch, Mr Ellis and Mr Cheysson, *Member of the Commission*.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 of 20 July 1970 on the introduction of recording equipment in road transport

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 75 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 386/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Regional Policy and Transport and to the Opinion of the Committee on Social Affairs and Employment (Doc. 440/75),

1. Notes that the Commission does not propose any major amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 1463/70 ⁽²⁾, now in force, limiting itself to minor adjustments to the text with a view to simplifying the application of the provisions and to take account of a number of technical difficulties which have been encountered in practice;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 3.

⁽²⁾ OJ No L 164, 27. 7. 1970, p. 1.

2. Notes with satisfaction that under Article 4 (5) the Commission is empowered to take a binding decision after one month in the case of disputes between Member States over whether or not recording equipment conforms to the Community standards;
3. Welcomes the fact that Article 7 of the proposal provides for the setting up of a committee for the adaptation of the Regulation to technical progress;
4. Again refers to the importance of effective controls to ensure that the social legislation relating to road transport is observed;
5. Approves the Commission's proposal.

Regulation on the fat content of whole milk

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Martens, on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 413/75) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk (Doc. 456/75), which Parliament had decided to place on the agenda.

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1411/71 as regards the fat content of whole milk

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 413/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 456/75),

Approves the Commission's proposal to put back until 31 March 1976 the date for the introduction of a uniform fat content of whole milk.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 282, 10. 12. 1975, p. 11.

Consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector

The next item on the agenda was the report by Sir Derek Walker-Smith on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 320/75) on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector (Doc. 435/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on consolidated texts relating to the fishing sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 320/75),
 - having regard to the proposals for the codification of legislative texts relating to the common agricultural policy contained in the Commission's memorandum on the improvement of the common agricultural policy (Doc. 251/73),
 - having regard to the resolution of the European Parliament on that memorandum ⁽²⁾,
 - having regard to the Council resolution (Ministers of Justice) of 26 November 1974 ⁽³⁾,
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 435/75),
1. Approves the proposals from the Commission of which the purpose is the consolidation of the existing basic and amending Regulations in the fishing sector;
 2. Notes that no alterations of substance, other than those consequential upon the consolidation, have been made to the existing Regulations;
 3. Stresses that approval of these proposals for consolidation of these texts does not imply approval of their content, which has not been considered and which it is not Parliament's task to consider on this occasion;
 4. Approves the basis on which these proposals have been submitted as it requires the consultation of Parliament, and for the same reason requests the Commission to proceed on the same basis in the future;
 5. Requests the Commission to formulate proposals for consolidation in other sectors of the common agricultural policy and in other fields of Community legislation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 274, 1. 12. 1975, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 23, 8. 3. 1974, p. 41.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 20, 28. 1. 1975, p. 1.

Decisions on a European project on nuisances

The next item on the agenda was the report by Lady Fisher on behalf of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 220/75) for:

- I. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Research on the physico-chemical behaviour of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere' (Project 61a)
- II. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Analysis of organic micro-pollutants in water' (Project 64b)

(Doc. 408/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Research on the physico-chemical behaviour of sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere' (Project 61a)
- II. a Decision concluding the Agreement for the implementation of a European project on nuisances on the subject 'Analysis of organic micro-pollutants in water' (Project 64b)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 389 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 220/75),
 - having regard to the report from the Committee on Public Health and the Environment and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 408/75),
1. Favours participation by the Community in both 'cost' Agreements, since the area of research covered by them is of great importance for environmental protection;
 2. Again calls on the Commission to provide Parliament with a survey of all current and projected research activity relating to environmental protection.

Regulations on trade with Tunisia and Morocco

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Kaspereit, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 398/75) for:

- I. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia
 - II. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco
- (Doc. 423/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2107/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Tunisia
- II. a Regulation extending Regulation (EEC) No 2108/75 extending the arrangements applicable to trade with Morocco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 543 fin.),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 398/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 423/75),
- Approves the Commission's proposals.
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Regulations on the importation of fishery products from Tunisia and Morocco

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Vetrone, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 379/75) for:

- I. a Regulation extending the term of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 346/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia
- II. a Regulation extending the term of validity of Regulation (EEC) No 347/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

(Doc. 396/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a Council Regulation extending the term of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 346/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Tunisia
- II. a Council Regulation extending the term of validity of Council Regulation (EEC) No 347/75 concerning the importation into the Community of certain fishery products originating in Morocco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 379/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 396/75),

Approves the Commission's proposals.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 267, 21. 11. 1975, p. 2.

Directive on the payment of duties at importation or at exportation

The next item on the agenda was the report by Mr Bayerl, on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 229/75) for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action concerning deferred payment of duties at importation or at exportation (Doc. 393/75).

Parliament adopted the following resolution without debate:

RESOLUTION

embodying the Opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive on the harmonization of provisions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action concerning deferred payment of duties at importation or at exportation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council ⁽¹⁾,
- having been consulted by the Council in accordance with Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 229/75),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and to the Opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 393/75),

1. Considers it essential for the proposal for a Directive under consideration to be applied without delay, as it will contribute towards achieving the customs union;
2. Approves this proposal for a Directive in its entirety.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 198, 29. 8. 1975, p. 6.

Dates and agenda for next part-session

On a proposal from the enlarged bureau, Parliament decided to hold its next part-session from 12 to 16 January 1976 in Luxembourg, and adopted the following agenda:

Monday, 12 January

until 5 p.m.:

- set aside for meetings of political groups;

5 p.m.:

- statement by the Commission on action taken on the Opinions and proposals of the European Parliament;
- Cousté report on the Community policy for data processing;

Tuesday, 13 January

Morning:

- set aside for meetings of political groups;

2 p.m.:

- Guldberg report on energy prices;
- Ellis report on crude oil prices;
- Walz report on the siting of nuclear power stations;
- Motion for a resolution on the outcome of the session of the Council of research ministers of 15 December 1975;

- Schwörer report on direct insurance;

- Premoli report on titanium dioxide;

- possibly, report on regular coach services;

Wednesday, 14 January

9 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Question Time;

- statement by the President-in-Office of the Council on the programme of activities under Luxembourg's presidency followed by a debate;

- statements by the Council and Commission on the outcome of the north-south conference and the floor prices for oil;

- oral question by Mr Blumenfeld on relations between the EEC and Lebanon to the foreign ministers' conference;

- joint debate on oral questions with debate by Mr Leenhardt and Mr de la Malène to the Council and to the Commission on the control of mergers and on multinationals;

- joint debate on oral questions by Mr Terrenoire to the Council and Commission on problems in the textile industry;

- oral question by Mr Leenhardt to the Commission on medium-term economic policy;

Thursday, 15 January

until 10 a.m.:

— set aside for meetings of the political groups;

10 a.m. and 3 p.m.:

- Kavanagh report on the third report on the activities of the new European Social Fund (1974);
- Bethell report on the quality of water for human consumption;
- Noè report on biological standards for lead;
- Duval report on paints, varnishes and adhesives;
- Seefeld report on safety glass;
- possibly, motion for a resolution on Community activities in education;
- possibly, Bruce report on a modified Financial Regulation;
- oral question by Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Corrie on the fishing industry;
- possibly, Hunault report on the sluice-gate prices for pigmeat, eggs and poultry;

— possibly, Gibbons report on sheepmeat;

— Martens report on the fat content of whole milk;

— possibly, report on processing and marketing of agricultural products;

— possibly, report on asparagus;

Friday, 16 January:

— possibly, continuation of Thursday's agenda.

Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Broeksz, Mr Lange and Mr Laban spoke.

Adjournment of session

The President declared the session of the European Parliament adjourned.

Approval of minutes

Pursuant to Rule 17 (2) of the Rules of Procedure, the minutes of proceedings of the day's sitting were approved.

The sitting was closed at 10.35 a.m.

H. R. NORD
Secretary-General

Cornelis BERKHOUWER
Vice-President
